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Franklin County Pastors Launch Bootlegging Fight

By Tim Nicholas

Baptist pastors in Franklin County have called for an investigation of bootlegging in the county.

The pastors made their plea May 23 at a press conference where they made public a statement asking state and federal officers to investigate the sale of illegal taxed liquor in the "dry" county.

The statement, released by the Franklin County Baptist Pastors' Conference, said the investigation should include "alleged payoffs to any public officials from the bootleggers and

drug pushers..." and "the possibility that influential individuals in the county are backing this illegal operation financially..."

The call for the investigation came about after failure of a petition earlier this year to garner enough certified signatures to bring to a vote legalization of the sale of beer in Franklin County.

A member of Concord Baptist Church at McCall Creek, asked the question: "Why don't people get as fired up about what's already going on in our county as we did about the petition?"

Harold Anderson, pastor of FBC, Bude, estimated between 32-35 places in the county where illegal alcohol could be purchased. Franklin County Sheriff James Posey disputed that claim, saying he only knew of about two he would classify as bootleggers.

The sheriff told the Baptist Record that he had illegal liquor in his own home.

So, said Ricky Johnston, Concord

pastor, "We decided it was a big joke to say it was a dry county. We decided that if the ministers couldn't take a stand, who could?"

Meetings in late March and early April between the interdenominational county ministerial alliance and state and county officials, helped the pastors to determine that there were bootlegging problems in the county and that they needed to do something about it themselves.

Only Baptist pastors came to the April 8 meeting of the alliance, so the Baptists decided to make an effort on their own. They put together the rough draft of the statement printed on page 3 of the Baptist Record, and elected Anderson, Johnston, and Matt Buckles, pastor of Hamburg Baptist Church in Roxie, as spokesmen for the group.

Then, on May 13, they released the statement to the press at Union Baptist Church at Roxie.

The next day the three spokesmen met with Sheriff Posey to discuss their statement. "We let him know that we weren't involved in any politics," said

Buckles. "We were doing this because we want law and order in Franklin County." Buckles said to the Baptist Record that Posey had made more arrests and done more things in enforcing the law than other sheriffs in the past. "But there's still so much going on that has not been touched," he said.

Out of a county population of 8,300, there are about 4,100 Baptist church members.

The three pastors said that though some threats had been made they had received general support. Said

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Stewart Named Executive VP At NOBTS

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Don Stewart, head of the religion and philosophy department at William



Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., has been named executive vice president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He will begin his new duties June 1, replacing Ray P. Rust, who resigned in February to become president of Anderson (S.C.) College.

Stewart, 42, has been at William Carey College since 1963. Prior to that he was pastor of the Perkinson Baptist Church, Perkinston, Miss., and had been associate pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Stewart earned a bachelor of arts degree at William Carey College and received bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

President Confirms Atlanta Engagement

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter has accepted an invitation to address the National Conference of Baptist Men on June 16 in Atlanta, the White House announced.

The address in the 16,500 seat Omni Coliseum will climax a rally closing out the conference.

The rally was moved up an hour to 9:30 a. m. to permit President Carter to continue on schedule to Panama, where he will participate in Panama Canal Treaty ceremonies.

President Carter was the Georgia Baptist representative on the board of directors of the Brotherhood Commission for six years, resigning after his election as president.

Prior to the president's speech, several thousand Southern Baptist laymen, women, and pastors are expected to attend 19 vocational breakfasts in Atlanta hotels.

During a two-hour period, starting

at 7 a. m., prominent Southern Baptists will relate how they use their vocations to share their Christian faith.

Breakfast groups are planned for Baptists in agriculture, arts, business and professional positions, church related vocations, communications, education, engineering, government, health services, law enforcement, legal professions, management, military, retirement, sales, technical skills, sports, transportation, and young adults in search of a vocation.

Conference registration is \$12.50, which includes admission to a vocational breakfast and the rally. The conference is open to women.

Tickets are available from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 38104, and at two booths in the Georgia World Congress Center during SBC sessions. Persons should identify the breakfast they want to attend and enclose a check when ordering by mail.

HMB Film Explains Mission Service Corps

ATLANTA, Ga. (May 15, 1978) — "An Act of Love," a film just released by the Home Mission Board, features comments by President Jimmy Carter, HMB Executive Director - Treasurer William Tanner, and SBC President Jimmy Allen.

These men explain Mission Service Corps, the plan to field 5,000 home and foreign missions volunteers by 1982. The workers will serve for one or two years and be supported by laypersons and churches contributing over and above Cooperative Program and special offering gifts.

Persons like Doyle and Doris Pennington of Tupelo, MSC volunteers with the Home Mission Board in evangelism, are represented in the film as well.

Tanner narrates the film, which includes excerpts from President Carter's message to the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City in which he outlined the need for such a mission program and promised financial support for this mission effort.

Jimmy Allen suggests the value of such a program and assesses its potential impact of Southern Baptists' witness in the United States.

"An Act of Love," a 10-minute, color 16mm film, is loaned free from the state convention offices.

Persons interested in becoming an MSC volunteer or sponsor should write David T. Bunch, Director, Mission Service Corps, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309.

At FBC, Oxford

By Anne McWilliams

"Mix the popcorn with five pounds of butter..."

"Cook the pizza for four hours..." When kindergarten kids at First Church, Oxford wrote a cookbook, they dictated these and other even more imaginative instructions to their teachers.

This astonishing Child Care Center, only two years old, has done a great deal more than publish cookbooks. By-products of the operation include (1) enlistment of more young adults in the church (2) a new spirit of enthusiasm in the church (3) a ministry

to international students and faculty at Ole Miss, and (4) a way of serving the children themselves.

"It is a work given us by the Lord," says Lewis Sewell, pastor. "I had prayed for a way to reach more young adults. Now much growth is taking place on the young adult level, as we reach families with children."

As more young couples have joined the church, this has resulted in a change of church image. "Many things here have always been done in a traditional way," said the pastor. "But the young adults and children have brought an air of freshness and en-

thusiasm. We have become a dynamic church within a short time."

Word has spread across town that First Baptist is the "church with the kindergarten." It is the only child care center in the city that will take bed babies.

Many church members have given time to kindergarten projects. The youth painted kindergarten furniture; one man offered use of his truck and himself for delivery of equipment; a ladies' class made pillows. Different age groups in Sunday School volunteered to help in any way needed.

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Arlington Heights Loses Two Buildings To Fire

Two of the three buildings of Arlington Heights Baptist Church of Pascagoula were destroyed in an early morning fire May 26.

Pastor Joey Hancock said the education building was completely de-

stroyed. He fears the auditorium also was damaged beyond repair. A children's building was separated from the other two by a breezeway, and it was saved.

In the education building, however, were all of the offices, the reproducing equipment, the records the studies for the pastor and education director, the kitchen, the fellowship hall, and classrooms.

No monetary figure had been set for the loss late last week. Police officials said they have suspicions of arson as the cause.

The libraries of both the pastor and Education Director Jim Austin were destroyed. And while the interior of the auditorium was destroyed, the pastor's Bible was on the pulpit and didn't burn. Austin's Bible was lying on the public address equipment, and it didn't burn.

According to statistics released by the Home Mission Board recently, Arlington Heights Church was the 74th fastest growing church in the nation and the 3rd fastest growing in Mississippi.

Hancock said the church had no plans for late Friday for a meeting place on Sunday but would meet. The deacons were to meet Friday night to consider possibilities.

On Wednesday before the fire the church had voted to enter into studies to determine building needs for the future.

Immunization Efforts Begin

WASHINGTON (BP) — Dr. Robert A. Hingson and six colleagues fired their one-pound "guns of peace" 125,000 times in St. Georges, Grenada, during one week in May to launch a mass immunization effort that the World Health Organization believes may rid the world of contagious childhood diseases.

Grenada, a Caribbean island of 110,000 persons, was the first of four pilot areas where Dr. Hingson tested the effectiveness of his jet immunization gun and vaccines in a beginning of what may be the greatest mass immunization effort in history.

Dr. Hingson, a Baptist layman and director of the Brother's Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pa., and his colleagues will move to Liberia, West Africa, on July 1, and to the Caribbean island of Haiti on October 15 in other pilot projects. A fourth pilot area, somewhere in Southeast Pacific, will be recommended later.

Help Wanted

Needed immediately: 16 women with sewing skills to teach sewing to national women and to sew basic children's clothing for retarded children at St. Phillips Children's Hospital in Barbados, Windward Islands.

A woman experienced in quantity production of garments is needed to direct the sewing.

The group will leave Jackson on July 20, 1978, and return to Jackson on August 3. Approximate cost will be \$700.

Women who cannot go, may either wish to help finance the work trip for another, or to donate one of the 6-8 sewing machines needed for the trip.

Those wishing to volunteer self, finances, or machines, should contact Marjean Patterson, Woman's Missionary Union, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 354-3704.

Credentials Necessary For Registration

NASHVILLE (BP) — Messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center, must have proper credentials for registration, which begins at 3 p. m., Sunday, June 11.

Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary, urged churches to elect messengers in business meetings and to see that they come with proper credentials.

"Registration cards are available from the executive secretary of each state Baptist convention," Porter said. "Each messenger should fill it out in detail, be sure it is signed by the pastor or the church clerk, and present it to a registration clerk at a registration booth in order to receive a copy of the convention program, a messenger identification badge and computer-card ballots for voting."

"A messenger who comes to the convention without proper credentials must apply to the credentials committee for registration," Porter said.

He said each church is entitled to a minimum of one messenger and a maximum of 10 under the SBC constitution. Every cooperating and contributing SBC church may send one messenger and one additional one —

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No establishment of religion... free exercise of religion — First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

Observe Religious Liberty Day June 11, 1978

Central Hills Development Committee

The Central Hills Baptist Retreat Development Committee met May 18 at the Attala County Baptist Building in Kosciusko. Their meeting was another step toward having a Royal Ambassador Camp in limited use at Central Hills by the summer of 1979.

Committee members are, clockwise, R. F. Robinson, Fulton; Murray Alexander, Greenville; Nathan Bullock, Jackson; Levon Moore, Kosciusko (chairman of the committee and director of missions in Attala County); and Raymond Lloyd, Starkville (not pictured). The picture of the proposed dining hall is shown.

Others meeting with the committee included Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Paul Harrell, director, and Rusty Griffin, consultant, state Brotherhood Department.

The committee's purpose in meeting was to decide what basic facilities could and should be built with the \$850,000 available for use in construction, such as cabins, recreational facilities (probably including a swimming pool), and a multipurpose dining hall.

The committee will meet with the architects, Moore said, and then on June 21 will get together for further discussion at Kosciusko. (More pictures on page 5)

Baptist Agencies Plan Hunger Convocation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — While the majority of Americans are getting the turkey and pumpkin pie ready for Thanksgiving homecomings this November, a group of Southern Baptist representatives will be meeting in North Carolina to talk about world hunger.

A Convocation on World Hunger, the first to be held in the Southern Baptist Convention, is being planned for Nov. 20-22 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center near Asheville, N. C.

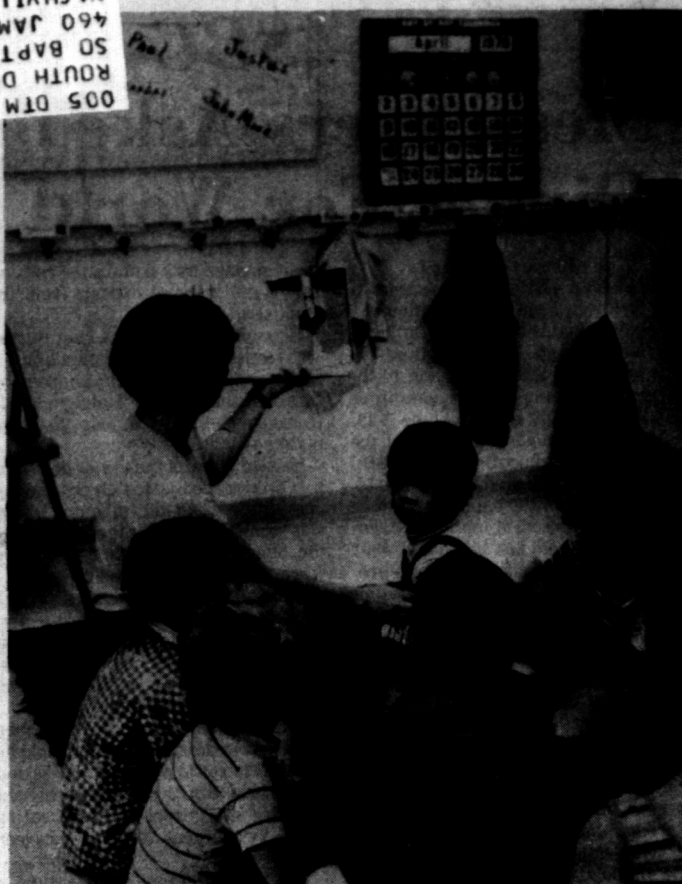
According to W. David Sapp, director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission,

the meeting's objectives will be to stimulate awareness of the world hunger problem, to share information on hunger-related activities of SBC agencies and to provide opportunities for an exchange of ideas.

Organizers of the convocation also hope participants will identify practical steps which churches and other Southern Baptist bodies can take to help alleviate hunger.

The Christian Life Commission chairs a group of eight SBC organizations which have expressed an interest in sponsoring the convocation.

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Kathy Grisham tells a story to the 4's. Clement Cheng, center, from Taiwan, has learned to speak English since he's been enrolled in kindergarten.

SBC Week

Messengers Asked To Forego Dinner For World Hunger

By Bracey Campbell
ATLANTA (BP) — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention will be shown what is being done for Jesus Christ through the combined resources of the SBC, according to the chairman of the planning committee for the three night sessions, June 13-15.

Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications at the SBC Sunday School Board, said the six-member committee has worked since January to present a unified convention that "will not just talk about what is to be done. . . . Our goal is for a presentation that is a total demonstration of what God has wrought through Baptists."

He said a number of exciting things are planned for the Atlanta meeting, including a challenge to the messengers to forego their Wednesday night meal. "We will ask that the money which would have been spent for dinner be brought and given to a world hunger fund to be dispensed by the Foreign Mission Board."

"This will be a definite action that the 18,000 Baptists who come to the June convention can take. And hopefully, it will lead to more action after the convention is over."

Householder said many Southern Baptists do not realize the things that agencies and churches in the SBC accomplish.

"But I hope that the messengers will get a vicarious experience of what is being done and what can be done if we put ourselves to the task of the Lord's work," he said.

The 1978 convention — with the theme of "Let the Church be Bold in Mission Thrust" — is the first to have

been planned by a committee consisting of major event experts from the Baptist agencies.

Householder said the committee was formed by the convention's Order of Business Committee, chaired by Mrs. Marian Grant of Raleigh, N. C., to insure continuity among the three night sessions.

He said many of the major decisions had been made by Mrs. Grant and her committee when the planning group was formed, including the selection of the Sunday School Board's William Reynolds to plan the music.

"Our primary responsibility has been in selecting and securing personalities other than the major speakers who would most help the messengers get caught up in Bold Mission Thrust," Householder said.

"We want all who are in attendance to see and understand that they can be just as inspired to work in Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC's program designed to share the gospel with the entire world by the year 2000) as a career missionary."

The night sessions will feature a wide range of personalities, in person and on film. Some of these persons, such as Mrs. Billy Graham, artist-composer Ken Medema and lecturer and theologian Elton Trueblood, are well-known.

But many others, Householder said, are just hard-working Baptists who are having an impact on people all over the world through a life devoted to Jesus Christ.

The planning committee, which met in Atlanta, saw filmclips taken by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission representative, Rosser

McDonald, at locations in many parts of the country.

Committee member Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board and Bob Thrift, college and single adult minister at First Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, wrote the scripts for the night sessions.

Others on the committee include Catherine Allen, who has helped stage numerous major meetings for the Woman's Missionary Union; Bill O'Brien, Foreign Mission Board; and Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission.

(Campbell is BP Bureau Chief at the Sunday School Board.)

SBC Ushers Trained In First Aid

ATLANTA (BP) — Georgia Baptist Medical Center will handle medical care for Southern Baptist Convention sessions as well as other related meetings.

Plans include two separate medical care areas; one for minor medical attention and the other for more serious needs. Emergency transportation will also be standing by at the Congress Center to transport anyone to a hospital if the need arises.

Judy Suidan, RN, director of nursing staff development at the medical center, set up a training session for volunteers who will serve as usher captains during SBC sessions.

Captains were given special training in coronary pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Food Service Is Close By

ATLANTA (BP) — Hungry Baptists won't have to go far to eat during next month's annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

More than 4,000 of them will be able to grab light or heavy lunches, American style or international cuisine, right in the Georgia World Congress Center, where the SBC meets June 13-15.

There is also a cafeteria on the third level, refreshment stands on the second level, portable booths on all three levels and a festive picnic-table-with-umbrellas food plaza outside the World Congress Center where international dishes will be available.

Credentials

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up to the maximum — for every 250 members or \$250 in contributions to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the meeting.

Plan Hunger Convocation

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In addition to the Christian Life Commission, agencies represented were the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Sunday School Board, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and Baptist World Alliance.

The convocation will take place less than four months after the denomination's first World Hunger Day, to be observed in Southern Baptist churches Aug. 2.

missions, presented the following certificates in Church Training: to Priceville Church, Harvey Anglin, director, the merit certificate; to adult pastor's helpers, Mrs. Louise Morton, leader, the merit certificate; to the adult fellowship group, Perry Oswalt, leader, the advanced certificate; and to the young adult group, Fred Cook, leader, the advanced certificate.



Robert L. Daniel, pastor at Priceville Church, presents home mission offering check to Earl Kelly.



Women from First Church, Oxford (top left) portrayed Mississippi WMU leaders of 1878, during the commemorative service held at Oxford May 23. A cradle (top center), displayed with other antiques, was symbolic of First Church, Oxford, as the cradle of Mississippi WMU 100 years ago. Mrs. Frances Tyler (top right) of Blue Mountain spoke on the subject, "Hitherto . . . Henceforth." Mrs. Frances Smira, state WMU president (bottom left) presented a plaque from Missis-

issippi Woman's Missionary Union to First Church, Oxford, signifying that the church was the birthplace in 1878 of the state organization. Lewis Sewell, pastor, accepted the plaque. Daughters of state WMU presidents, past and present, were narrators for the service of thanksgiving and dedication. Mrs. Sibyl Warren (bottom right) is the daughter of the late Mrs. Webb Brame and Mrs. Marty Perkins is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Smira.

Women Return To Oxford, Cradle Of WMU In 1878

By Anne McWilliams

"It is exhilarant to stand here and see all the age groups and to realize that in Christ we all have something in common. All of us are challenged to do our part, our best, in this century."

Frances Tyler was speaking to at least 400 women gathered at First Church, Oxford, on May 23. The commemorative service, from 11 to 12:30, honored the founders of Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi at the place where it all began 100 years ago.

"How magnificent is the light of God's love," Mrs. Tyler said, and she added, "How can we carry the light? How can we tell the young people of today that He is the lover of our souls?"

She stressed the importance of Woman's Missionary Union in carrying the light, and the importance of each woman's bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit in her own life.

In May, 1878, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville, asked the Foreign Mission Board secretary, H. A. Tupper, to appoint a Central Committee of women in every state in the convention, whose work should be to help "interest Baptist women in the work of giving the gospel to the heathen." (By 1878 there were many ladies' societies in Mississippi churches, but no central organization.)

Tupper appointed Mrs. John L. Johnson and Mrs. A. J. Quince from Oxford. They in turned selected seven others to be on the Central Committee: Mrs. W. S. Webb, Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Mrs. T. J. Walne, Mrs. Z. T. Leavell, Mrs. Mattie Nelson, Mrs. W. H. Carothers, and Mrs. R. N. Hall. (Mrs. Leavell and Mrs. Carothers were also from Oxford.)

During the celebration on May 23 —

100 years later — Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, and nine women from Oxford, representing the Central Committee, told about those early days of state WMU history.

For the program of thanksgiving and dedication which followed, daughters of state WMU presidents were the narrators — Mrs. Sibyl Warren, daughter of the late Mrs. Webb Brame, and Mrs. Marty Perkins, daughter of Mrs. Robert Smira, current president.

Blue Mountain College Singers, directed by Mrs. Nancy Ellis Robertson, and Edward Ludlow, organist and Blue Mountain professor, provided the music.

Antiques were on display in the foyer, including books, dresses, photographs, lamps, and handmade furniture. All the Woman's Missionary Unions of Lafayette Association assisted in the preparation for the service.

Lewis Sewell, pastor of First

Church, Oxford, led the invocation and Mrs. Vincent Scoper, Jr. led the prayer of dedication.

Mrs. Smira presented to Sewell a plaque for First Church, Oxford, in commemoration of the fact that WMU had its beginnings there.

As Mrs. Tyler spoke on the topic, "Hitherto . . . Henceforth," she urged the women to practice living great days. She quoted John 15:5 — "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

After she described the stained glass windows of First Church, Jackson, each decorated with a bunch of grapes, she said, "Read all of John 15. Let the red letters speak to you, for they are the words of Jesus. Ask for the fruits of the Spirit. Practice is the secret of proficiency. Every day should be practice day in the 'art of living.' Power, strength, courage, health, and gladness are yours by right. Assert your rights in the Name of the Master."

Special Areas Reserved For Church Buses At SBC

ATLANTA (BP) — Church buses, expected to "convoy" to Atlanta by the dozens, will have special parking areas reserved during Southern Baptist Convention sessions, June 13-15.

SBC transportation officials in Atlanta have reserved an entire street, Mangum Street, for church buses only. Mangum Street can accommodate 80 buses. Techwood Drive will be used if needed for additional parking.

Mangum Street is south of the Georgia World Congress Center, just a short walk from the main entrance to the SBC hall. Techwood Drive is just around the corner.

Tom Duvall of Atlanta, chairman of the SBC transportation committee, said church buses should enter the World Congress Center on Interna-

tional Boulevard, near the Marietta Street intersection. Signs and police will direct church bus drivers to their reserved parking area.

Duvall stressed that passengers must stay on their church buses until the buses are parked. They will walk back to their buses when leaving the SBC.

"This is the only way bus drivers will be able to know how to get back to their own bus," he emphasized. "We will enforce this requirement rigidly. We know bus drivers and passengers will cooperate."

Duvall said church buses are also welcome to park in the Atlanta Civic Center parking lot and let passengers ride the shuttle bus from there to the World Congress Center.

Education Commission Responds To Motion

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has responded to a motion by Texas pastor Dick Onarecker, at the 1977 SBC meeting in Kansas City, that it encourage Baptist schools to develop biblically based statements of purpose and seek faculty sympathetic with the faith and practice of Southern Baptist churches.

"While it has no authority, direct or indirect, over Baptist colleges, these general ideas have been, now are, and will continue to be the primary objective of the Education Commission as it seeks to give positive Christian leadership to Southern Baptist higher education," the response said.

The response said evidences of that commitment may be found in the program statement of the commission, conclusions and recommendations of the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) report in 1968, adoption of reaffirmations at the National Colloquium on Christian Education sponsored by the commission in 1976, and in the findings in 1977 of the McGrath Report. It said the McGrath study was the most exhaustive study ever conducted by a major denomination of its colleges and schools.

The commission's program statement says, "The Education Commission reflects Southern Baptist commitment to introduce Christian truth into every area of life and to be obedient to the clear intent of the Scripture in carrying out a teaching ministry."

The BEST study reaffirmed the original relationship between Baptist colleges and missions, while the reaffirmations published following the colloquium urged renewed commitment to the biblical and doctrinal themes which guide Baptist educational institutions.

The McGrath study, conducted by Earl J. McGrath, nationally known evaluator of institutional effectiveness and former U. S. Commissioner of Education, indicated that Southern Baptist schools have remained more closely tied to the denomination than most church-related colleges in a national sample.

Ben C. Fisher, the Education Com-

mission's executive director-treasurer, said "Biblically-based missions, evangelism and education have been at the heart of the growth of our denomination and schools and should continue to be."

San Diego (RNS) — Morris Cerullo, the Assemblies of God evangelist who has been reported to be bringing his worldwide evangelism effort increasingly back to the U. S., has announced plans for a \$100 million religious complex in Mira Mesa, north of here. The complex will first include a school for training ministers in six-month sessions, retirement housing, and a 6,000-seat worship center. Later projects will be a visitors' center, administrative offices, a 14-grade school and a convalescent facility.

Priceville Challenge Nets \$1,072 In Results

Priceville Church, Tupelo, has given \$1,072.20 to the Annie Armstrong Offering for 1978. The pastor, Robert L. Daniel, on May 21 presented the check to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The pastor says, "As we were preparing for the home missions offering time in March, I noted that our goal had been \$150 for a number of years. I challenged the people to a real goal — one never set before — to give one day's pay to spread the gospel."

"I asked them to commit themselves to give. We were just a small church with 104 enrolled in Sunday School. During a service of commitment 27 people came and signed a letter saying publicly that they would give that souls lost without Jesus here at home could hear His Word. Many others of our church gave also."

On May 21, at the evening service, Sunshine, the girls' ensemble, presented special music.

Kelly, who brought an address on

Newsbriefs In The



World Of Religion

London (RNS) — A Church of England communion has recommended that in certain circumstances a divorced person should be allowed remarriage in the Church during the lifetime of the former spouse.

Southport, Eng. (RNS) — The United Reformed Church has adopted a service for marriage people who wish to be released from their marriage vows. Delegates to the annual General Assembly endorsed the new service on an "experimental basis." Under the terms of the resolution, the service may be used only after a legal divorce has been obtained.

Providence, R. I., (RNS) — A \$300,000 campaign to rebuild the 185-foot steeple of the historic First Baptist Meeting House here has been launched by the First Baptist Church in America, the congregation founded by Roger Williams in 1638.

Pasadena, Calif. (RNS) — Ambassador College will not move its undergraduate operations to Big Sandy, Tex., contrary to an announcement by Garner Ted Armstrong, according to Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and president of the Worldwide Church of God. In rescinding the move, the elder Armstrong also announced that his son will no longer hold any executive positions with the Church or college, and that he will cease his half-hour television commentaries. He is expected to work full time in radio evangelism.

Philadelphia (RNS) — The American Friends (Quaker) Service Committee has established an Affirmative Action plan raising the level of minority staff and committee members to 20 percent and women to 40 percent within five years. The plan calls for "open" homosexual and bisexual persons to be included among its various staffs.

Chicago (RNS) — Roman Catholic bishops of the U. S. have designated 1980 as "Family Year" to serve as a focal point for a comprehensive 10-year action plan for family ministry. The program approved without dissent at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting here aims to provide support and services in six areas of family life: pre-marrieds, married couples, parents and their children, families with emotional and/or financial problems, and leadership training for couples and families.

Dallas, Texas — A total of 3,816 participants was counted in the new Southern Baptist Retirement Program for ministerial personnel at the end of the first quarter this year, according to Dr. Darold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. The total included those who joined the program since its inauguration date January 1, plus those who transferred into the plan from Old Plan A in the first quarter this year and during 1977. Members joining the plan's retirement section for ministers numbered 572 in the first three months, said Dr. Morgan. During this period, 176 lay persons enrolled.

New York, May 11 — Contributions to the American Bible Society from thousands of individuals and churches helped to break all previous records for Scripture distribution last year. The American Bible Society and its Bible Society partners around the world distributed a total of 410 million Scriptures in 1977. This figure represents a gain of 80 million copies and an increase of 24 percent over the previous year.

St. Louis (RNS) — The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will begin a program of training for Hispanic ministries by Sept. 1.

Southern Names Three To Faculty

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — William P. Tuck, Kathryn Chapman and R. Michael Harton, elected at a recent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustee meeting, will begin teaching duties this fall.

Tuck, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., was elected associate professor of Christian preaching in the seminary's School of Theology.

Miss Chapman, director of children's work at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., will be assistant professor of childhood education and director of the Seminary Child Care Center.

Harton, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be an assistant professor of religious education.

Franklin County Pastors Launch

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Johnston, "When you take a stand you're going to know which side of the fence everybody's on."

"I've never heard of alcohol doing anything good for the Kingdom of God," said Buckles. "Until I do, I'll preach against it."

Pastors Suggest Payoffs In Franklin Bootlegging

The Franklin County Baptist Pastors' Conference met in regular session, May 13, 1978, at the Union Baptist Church. One of the purposes of this meeting was to approve the following statement concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages in Franklin County.

The Scriptures teach, preach, and promote the practice of total abstinence. Also, the whole weight of the Bible's authority is against the manifold evils of beverage alcohol. Therefore, as servants of God we will take our stand and remain firm, strong, and unapologetic for total abstinence. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

We, first want to thank all of the concerned Christians in Franklin County that refused to sign the recent petitions seeking to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in our country. We ask and pray that you will continue to fight this evil at every opportunity. Without the help of our area churches and concerned individuals our county might even now have this dangerous drug being sold at every corner grocery store.

The Baptist ministers of Franklin County are against any future attempt to legalize the sale of any alcoholic beverage in Franklin County. We intend to oppose this evil with every ounce of strength that God has given us. This will include our opposition to petitions or any elections that might be held on the issue.

Our county is a "dry" county by law and we oppose all "bootlegging" of state taxed liquors or other illegal liquors that is now being conducted within Franklin County. It is a known fact that any alcoholic beverage desired can be purchased in this county. Most can be purchased within a few miles of any home in the county. It is against state law and the wishes of a majority of the people in Franklin County. We, therefore, urge that all steps be taken to bring affirmative law and order back to our

county.

We, therefore, request a full scale, citizen involved, investigation of all illegal activity in Franklin County. This investigation should include:

1. alleged payoffs made to any public officials from the bootleggers and drug pushers,
2. the possibility that influential individuals in the county are backing this illegal operation financially. The saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure" applies to alcoholic beverage. Some people desire to increase their own income at the expense of our average citizen and youth.

3. any potential that any of our elected representatives might be involved in or connected with the illegal operation as stated in the Natchez Democrat — March 19, 1978.

4. and the possibility that county officials might be involved in this corruption of youth and hard working citizens.

We appeal to the Attorney General of Mississippi, A. F. Summers, to the A.B.C. Board, to Governor Finch, to our local authorities, and to the U. S. District Attorney to help restore law and order in Franklin County.

The mental and physical effects of alcohol upon people are staggering and, contrary to popular belief, bootlegging is easier in wet areas than dry.

"Legalized" liquor is really legal encouragement rather than legal control. The same law enforcement officials represent the "law" whether "wet" or "dry". If you have corrupt officials, they may not be changed personally, but a change of officials may change the corruption.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Gulfshore

Single Again Retreat Adds Faculty



Hitt

Holcomb

Six additional faculty members have been named for the Single Again Mini-Retreat for formerly marrieds scheduled at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly for July 1-2, according to J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, retreat sponsor. They are: Annette Hitt, Director of Character and Career Development at the Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; James Travis, Director of Pastoral Services and Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry, University Medical Center, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Holcomb, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Mrs. Kenneth McMillin, organist, First Baptist Church, Long Beach; and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson.

A feature of the retreat will be a Christian Night Club on Saturday night, featuring entertainment by Martha Hines of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Participants in the Single Again Retreat are encouraged to stay over for Family Week. Provision is made for children during both events with conferences, child care and recreation.

Washington (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that states may not forbid ministers from running for public office — based on the First Amendment's guarantee of "free exercise" of religion. The legal suit which resulted in the high court's decision was originally brought in a Tennessee state court against Paul A. McDaniel, pastor of the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga. He sought and won a seat in the state constitutional convention last year.

Survey Team Visits Zaire Despite Fighting In South

Kinshasa, Lubumbashi and Kisan-gani, but the board has received no word whether the emergency forced any change in the men's travel plans. Only one of the cities on their itinerary, Lubumbashi, is in the province where fighting has occurred.

Although Southern Baptists have no missionaries in Zaire, Baptists in that country have asked the board to consider sending missionaries to strengthen their work there. Zaire was formerly known as the Belgian Congo.

Survey Team Visits Zaire Despite Fighting In South

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is exploring the possibility of starting work in that African nation of Zaire.

John E. Mills, area secretary for West Africa, and Dilly L. Bullington, field representative for West Africa, had made plans to visit Zaire, May 15-22, before the recent outbreak of fighting between Zairean troops and rebel forces in Shaba Province.

The two were scheduled for stops in

JUNE, 1978

Sunday School	CONDUCT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS CONDUCT MISSION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS AND BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS HOMEBOUND DAY Select one Sunday as "Homebound Day" and give special attention to those persons who may be members of a Homebound Department or are ministered to by Adult classes. These "Homebound" people are those who cannot attend because of age, illness or infirmities.
Church Training	CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE Plans should be made no later than June for the church promotion of CHURCH THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE. July-September is preparation time with October scheduled as Lift-Off Month. See promotion plan distributed to pastors and directors in April.
Church Music	MUSIC PARTNERS SHARING Several plans through which one church can offer assistance to another through loan of resources and personnel, etc. MISSION MINISTRIES Music Groups participate in special mission ministries HYMN OF THE MONTH "He's Everything to Me", Hymn #463, New Baptist Hymnal
Brotherhood	DAY CAMPING A unique approach for providing missionary education in an outdoor setting for children during the summer months. Curriculum suggestions available from the Brotherhood Department.
Woman's Missionary Union	MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR GA AND ACTEENS CAMP(S) BY JUNE 1 See Camp Garaywa schedule, page 28.
Evangelism	CONDUCT LAY EVANGELISM (WIN) SCHOOLS The Lay Evangelism School is a project to train lay people for personal witnessing. For information write the state Evangelism Department. WOW (YOUTH EVANGELISM) SCHOOLS OR RETREATS This strategy, similar to that of Lay Evangelism Schools, is especially designed to train junior and senior high school age groups to share their faith in personal witnessing. Four sessions, one and one-half hours each, can be done in a retreat setting or at your church. For information write the state Evangelism Office.
Stewardship	REMINDERS Order individual boxed offering envelopes for next year. Send quarterly record of contributions to each member. Enclose a "Thank You" folder. Distribute stewardship or Cooperative Program tract at morning worship service. Show a stewardship filmstrip in department assemblies.
Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries	TRAIN CHURCH COUNCIL Train early in order that they may have time to plan next year's work by October 1. Resource: "The Church Council" pamphlet (see undated material order form)

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Thursday, June 1, 1978

The Missions Task

The Affluent Society

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department

We live in a problem world, in an affluent society, among a generation that has fallen into idolatry. Paul described the situation in Romans 1:22-25 when he wrote "They have made fools of themselves, exchanging the splendour of immortal God for an image shaped like mortal man, even for images like birds, beasts and creeping things . . . they have bartered away the true God for a false one, and have offered reverence and worship to created things instead of to the Creator."

Let it be said that the aim and purpose of true religion is never to secure material blessings. This is precisely what the old nature religions sought to do, Baal worship, fertility cults and the like. Affluence in itself is not evil, but a gift of God. Affluence when it is given, however, is not given for selfish enjoyment. The Old Testament is quite unashamed of affluence. Man was reminded, however, that material things are not just the gift of nature, but gifts of God. Because of God's gifts, man is to be thankful to God (Deut. 8:10). Affluent man is to be obedient to God's commands (Deut. 4:1). Affluence is not exclusively for one's own needs, but involves the needs of his less fortunate neighbor (Deut. 15:7). Affluent man is admonished always to remember that ownership is relative, not absolute (Deut. 8:11).

While affluence is not in itself evil, it does constitute a grave temptation to pride and arrogance, a temptation to forget the Lord, and to fancy that we are our own creators.

The time of the Prophets was not a time to talk about affluence as a gift of God, but to bring home in dramatic ways the irresponsible way in which it was being misused. The herdsman of Tekoa denounced the wealthy: "They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes" (Amos 2:6).

Denouncing wealthy women as "cows of Bashan" who oppress the poor, who crush the needy (4:1), Amos reproached the wealthy for their luxury. He said "They

live in winter houses and summer houses, and houses of ivory" (3:15). This was not the countryman's protest against the high-falutin' ways of the city dwellers, for he was joined by Isaiah, who was city bred and moved with ease in the royal court.

Condemning the abuse of wealth, Isaiah said, "Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water. Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not defend the fatherless, and the widows' cause does not come to them" (1:22).

Denouncing sinful affluent women he said, "the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet" (3:16).

The misuse of affluence breeds the vices of luxury and leads to the ignoring of the claims of the poor. The trouble is not with affluence itself, but with the use, or misuse, that men and women make of it.

It is perhaps no wonder that the wise men of Israel came to the conclusion that the best thing in life was just a modicum of this world's goods: "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God" (Prov. 30:8).

Affluence and poverty are equally dangerous. They both lead to the idolatry of material things. They both tempt us to make of material things our ultimate concern. For the faithful, it is wise to avoid either extreme! Bitter experience taught the men of the Old Testament that, man being what he is, affluence is a very dangerous thing, tempting him to forget God, the giver of it, and credit himself with its acquisition while using affluence's power to exploit his neighbor in his weakness.

Catholics Plan Evangelization

Evangelization

CHICAGO (RNS) — A major evangelization effort, aimed specifically at 68 million Americans who have no church affiliation and 12 million non-practicing Catholics, is planned by the Roman Catholic Church.

Announcement of the campaign was made in a report to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) by Archbishop Francis T. Hurley as he targeted the audience of 80 million "unchurched" the program will seek to reach.

The Archbishop of Anchorage, Alaska, who is chairman of the NCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Evangelization, defined the unchurched as "people who are not reinforced through active participation in any church, synagogue or temple — those with no religion whatsoever and Catholics who in fact are not affiliated with the Catholic Church."

In a press conference Archbishop Hurley said, "We don't see any conflict between evangelical and ecumenical (Christian unity) goals." He stressed that the campaign would not be a proselytizing effort.

"We will be inviting people, not recruiting them," he said.

Albany, N. Y. (RNS) — The New York State Senate has upheld Gov. Hugh Carey's veto of the controversial death penalty bill — failing by one vote to override the governor's veto.

WMU

Ridgecrest Conference Tour Includes Six Flags

A chartered bus will travel from Mississippi to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the WMU Conference August 4-12, according to Frances Shaw, consultant, state WMU Department.

The cost of \$215 will include bus fare, motels, registration fee, room and board at Ridgecrest. It does not include food enroute, dinner at the Chattanooga Choo Choo, or entrance fee to Six Flags Over Georgia.

The itinerary: August 4 — Leave Greyhound Bus Station, Jackson at 7 a.m. Spend the night at Chattanooga, TN. Visit shops around the station and dine at Chattanooga Choo Choo Station Restaurant.

August 5-11 — Drive to Ridgecrest, NC, and attend the WMU Conference. August 11 — Leave Ridgecrest. Spend the night at Days Inn, Six Flags, Atlanta. (There will be time to see Six Flags Over Georgia, for those interested.)

August 12 — Arrive at Greyhound Bus Station, Jackson, at 5:30 p.m.

The WMU conference will offer opportunities to learn more about the responsibilities of the WMU member or officer; to meet new friends; to hear missionaries; and to see Ridgecrest Conference Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

There will be special conferences for WMU directors, church WMU officers, Baptist Women directors, officers and members; Baptist Young Women di-

rectors, officers, and members; Action leaders, assistant leaders, and directors; Mission Friends directors, leaders, and teachers; Associational WMU directors; and associational age-level directors.

For reservations write Mrs. James Fancher, WMU Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Send \$16.50 per person in order to reserve space on the bus. The deadline for making reservations is July 1. The balance of \$198.50 must be paid by July 20. In case of cancellation, registration fee may be refunded up to July 1.

Make checks payable to Woman's Missionary Union. Be sure to give name of person paying for reservations; telephone number; and name of church.

London (RNS) — British Baptists, who have been described as the least political of church bodies, rarely leaving the strictly ecclesiastical arena, voted against racism and racist parties at their annual Assembly here. The resolution declared discrimination based on ethnic origins as contrary to the Gospel, "confessed with shame" the denomination's failures "to give recognition within its own corporation life at every level to people of all races" and called on churches to nurture healthy race relations.

Church Training Opportunities At Gulfshore Baptist Assembly

June 26-28, 1978

Church Training Leadership Conferences
Designed for all Church Training leaders and all adults (18 and above)
Church Training Associational Directors Conference
Seminar: Church Training for Professional Staff
Seminar: A Church Ministry to Retarded Persons

June 29-July 1, 1978

Church Training Leadership Conferences
Designed for all Church Training leaders and all adults (18 and above)
Church Training Associational Directors Conference
Seminar: Church Recreation Leadership

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES — Led by Sunday School Board consultants and Louisiana and Mississippi state staff members

(Age Group Conferences for Youth, Children and Preschoolers who attend with their parents)

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Monday, June 26 and Thursday, June 29

1:00 P.M. Registration
5:30 P.M. Meal
6:30 P.M. Conferences
7:30 P.M. Worship
9:00 P.M. Adjourn

Tuesday, June 27 and Friday, June 30

7:00 A.M. Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Conferences
10:30 A.M. Break
11:00 A.M. Worship
12:00 Noon Lunch

Afternoon free
5:30 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Conferences
8:00 P.M. Break
8:30 P.M. Worship
9:30 P.M. Adjourn

Wednesday, June 28 and Saturday, July 1

7:30 A.M. Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Conferences
11:00 A.M. Worship
12:00 Noon Lunch



Dr. Barry Landrum
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Bossier City, La.



Dr. Bill Causey
Pastor
Parkway Baptist Church
Jackson, Miss.

Space available. Mail your \$3.00 reservation fee to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

The Baptist Record

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Editorials

Referendum June 6 . . .

Beachhead In Rankin County

The opponents of the sale and use of alcoholic beverages have many areas from which to draw objections. Alcohol presents problems financially, medically, and morally. The supporters of the sale and use of alcohol can offer nothing concrete. They simply say everyone should have a choice. A choice for what? For the gradual

destruction of the brain? For causing three times as much in tax dollars to be spent in enforcement as it brings in? For a sagging moral climate?

Alcohol supporters are claiming that Rankin County will derive \$10 million annually from taxes on the sale of liquor. Figures show that if this

were so, every man, woman, and child in the county would have to spend \$16,000 a year on booze. The per capita income is not that high.

Mississippi has the highest alcohol tolerance level for drunkenness in the nation. If alcohol is sold and used in Rankin County, the drunks could be

driving powerful boats on Ross Barnett Reservoir, and the law could not deal with them.

Hopefully, Rankin County on June 6 will stand as a beachhead against alcohol and provide the starting place to begin to roll it back throughout the entire state.

Policy Decision . . .

Farewell To 'Ironing Board'

With this issue the Baptist Record says goodbye to an old friend, "Beyond the Ironing Board." It has graced these pages for many years. Once before it left and was called back at popular request.

Conditions have changed, however, in that the author, Wilda Fancher, is

now a full-time employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Woman's Missionary Union. This raised a policy matter, and the Baptist Record Advisory Committee felt that it would be unwise for any Convention Board employee other than Baptist Record staff members to be full-time columnists for the Baptist Record.

Laying personalities aside, the editor would have to agree with this philosophy.

There is one exception, John Alexander, the director of the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion, writes a column each week. It deals only with the area

of his work, however, and was made available to him when his monthly publication was phased out as an economy measure.

Thus we bid farewell to "Beyond the Ironing Board." That it has made many friends for the Baptist Record is not to be denied. Thank you, Wilda.

Nation On The Move . . .

Jordan, Land Of Contrasts

The anticipation of a first visit to an Arab country might leave one wondering what to expect. Surely the prospective visitor would wonder about the people, and he might expect that conditions would be somewhat less than his accustomed standards.

The most interesting thing about any nation is its people, and in Jordan they are generally friendly and courteous. A great number of them can speak some amount of English.

Except for the frenzied traffic in the capital city of Amman, it doesn't take one long to begin to feel comfortable in Jordan.

It is a land of contrasts. The Bedouins are there, to be sure, some of them living on the outskirts of Amman. Many of these nomadic people have a simple and meager existence. Some of them, however, might have a television set in the tent and an expensive car in front of it.

All Go To School

Many are moving into villages and towns, and all Bedouin children are going to school. The government of Jordan has committed itself to provide an education for everyone, and permanent dwellings are being built for the Bedouins to make it easier.

Even the Bedouins, contrary to a general concept, are a friendly group. One hot day our group of five editors, SBC Public Relations Director W. C. Fields, and Mississippi missionary Paul Smith had walked some distance over very rough terrain and had climbed to the top of a fortress mountain and back down. As we were struggling along the path on the way back to the small Bedouin village, a woman still living in a tent came out to offer a tin container full of goat milk for refreshment. She was so gracious and so insistent that it was hard to refuse, but I managed.

In contrast is the city of Amman. It has almost one million inhabitants, about one-third the entire population of the nation, and it is a bustling city indeed. Driving in its traffic would scare a westerner out of his wits, but Jordanians know how to do it. It would seem at first impression that they simply close their eyes and blow their horns, but they make their way through a maze of cars that would snarl traffic for hours in Jackson. They blow their horns all right, but they must be looking out for the other driver.

Rapid Pace

The city is building at a rapid pace. Cranes being used to erect buildings

are to be seen in all sections of the city. Buildings are usually of stone, because there is plenty of it, and they are spacious and comfortable. The hotel used by the group of editors would compare with the finest in the United States.

Amman itself is a city of contrasts. In the middle of the city is a Roman theater built in the First Century. The old and the new are to be found in Amman, but the new is rapidly outstripping the old. It is a city on the move.

Indeed, the entire nation seems determined to pull itself up by its bootstraps. The once-barren hills are being re-forested. All kinds of experiments are going on as to how the country can make use of its assets. Yet in it all, the desert countryside of the south.

In addition to Fields, the group that went included John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier of South Carolina; Everett Sneed, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine; Julian Pentecost, editor of the Religious Herald of Virginia; Gene Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist; and the writer.

We were impressed. Jordan is trying hard to make up for the loss of the West Bank, which is across the Jordan River, in the 1967 war. Of course, Jordan had only had the West Bank for about 18 years, but it had gotten used to the tourist trade which the area, including Jerusalem, had provided.

Jordan has no oil, and it has a trade balance deficit; but it is working hard to catch up. It has a very stable government led by King Hussein. An able assistant is Crown Prince Hassan, the king's brother, whom the Baptist news team interviewed for more than an hour. At that time the crown prince was the ruling monarch, for the king was out of the country.

Moving On

Jordan is moving on in every way it sees a necessity to move. Following the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel in 1948, many Arabs who had lived in that area, Palestine, fled to other areas. These are the Palestinian refugees. Jordan took them in. In 1970 some elements of the Palestinians grew impatient, and a civil disturbance resulted. An area at a time the government squelched the uprising. Today many Palestinians are to be found working in important business positions.

It is a nation of contrasts. It is a land of 3 million inhabitants, about half of

whom are Palestinians. It is a land of fancy hotels in Amman and of the desert meals when everyone eats from the same dish with his right hand and no silverware. It is a land where Nabateans carved a city out of stone 2,000 years ago, where today Bedouins tend their herds much the same as Abraham did so long ago, and where jumbo jets land in sight of Bedouin tents.

One Saturday night the Inner Wheel, the ladies' auxiliary to the Rotary Club in Amman, gave a party for their husbands and invited the editors to attend. They conducted the party in English

rather than Arabic for the benefit of the editors. The ladies and gentlemen of Jordan seemed equally at home in either language. The ladies were dressed in fashions that would have graced any such gathering in Mississippi. Contrast them with the simple Bedouin woman in the severe black robe offering the goat milk on the hillside.

It is a beautiful country. It is inhabited by charming and attractive people. It grows on the visitor rapidly. More will be detailed about modern Jordan, its biblical sites, and Southern Baptist missions efforts in future issues — DTM

—Letters To The Editor—

The Tupelo Situation

Dear Editor:

I admire the Baptist Record's stands against homosexuality and alcoholism (i.e.: against the sins not the sinners). Yet we have still another problem area: the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK has, of late, been active in Tupelo and Holly Springs. This organization has been doing two heretical things: it has been burning crosses (a flagrant desecration) and it has been invoking the name of Jesus in vain (i.e.: in hatred against Blacks, Jews, etc.) These sacrileges should be of grave concern to Baptists everywhere — but especially to us white Southern Baptists. Only one minister (a liberal Presbyterian from Tupelo) has gone on public record (the Tupelo Journal) against the Klan. Let us Baptists do the same. Let the name "Southern Baptist" come to signify conservative on Jesus' Law and liberal on Jesus' Love. Let us be neither radical nor reactionary; let us be revolutionary. And let us not do it for the sake of the name "Southern Baptist"; let us do it for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you.

Bob Craig
Fulton

The situation in Tupelo is sad indeed, but it is not going unnoticed by responsible persons seeking solutions. There is a great deal of effort going on behind the scenes to find solutions. Let us all help to shoulder the problem by carrying the efforts of these mediators to the Lord in prayer. — Editor.

Gulfshore Remembered

Dear Editor:

We have been keeping up with the rebuilding of the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly through the Baptist Record. Our family attended several conferences there before its destruction by Camille. While we were living on the Coast, we used to drive by and our hearts were saddened by the absence of the assembly. Its rebuilding is a dream come true.

Our boys loved Gulfshore and remarked that it was the best place they had ever been. For a four and a five-year-old to say this was really significant, for they had been to places like Six Flags Over Texas, etc. A Gulfshore pennant stayed on their wall for many years.

We've been living and pastoring in New York for the past three years and couldn't attend the opening. But we do look forward to coming down on vacation this summer and dropping by to see the new facilities. Congratulations, Mississippi Baptists, for rebuilding Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. What a blessing this will be to countless families, as it was to ours!

The Wes Ellises
Vassar Road Baptist Church
Poughkeepsie, New York

Medical Sales Tax

Dear Editor:

Re: Abolish sales tax on Medical Items.

After talking to Dr. James Street,



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Cathedral Under Pines

Late Thursday afternoon as I was struggling with the lawn mower in our back yard, I was reminded of Louie D. Newton's column, "This Changing World," in the Georgia Christian Index. One week Newton said, "Guiding the Toro through the lush fescue, leaving the lawn like a velvet tapestry, I thought of Walt Whitman's lovely line: 'Grass is the handkerchief of the Lord.' And didn't he have another line, that if we have eyes to see, we'll note His initials in the corner? And I love that line in Maltbie Babcock's This is My Father's World: 'In the rustling grass I hear him pass.' Tiny blades of grass, but Julian Cutler wrote: 'But all the giants working till doomsday can't make a blade of grass.' Selah."

"Look, the sunset is making a red path across the water!" I said to W. D. as we sat outside our tiny camper Friday night at the Barnett Reservoir. In the melting daylight, birds were twittering a little now and then, getting settled for the night. As my husband and I exchanged smiles, a feeling of peace filled my inmost being. Though lights and voices advertised the presence of other campers, there was a feeling of our being alone, except for the presence of the Creator.

I felt it was well worth the two hours it had taken us to pack, and drive to the campsite. W. D. fried a few catfish and we ate in silence.

All around us the tall trees offered protection. Our feet rested on soft pine

needles. For a little while we forgot the problems and responsibilities of every day.

I have entered rich cathedrals in Europe and visited beautiful churches in Mississippi, but the pine forest was not created by man. It is a temple in which to rest for a little while and offer thanks to the Father for all of life's blessings.

Here's a "little sermonette," as Pastor Bill Rittenhouse of First Church, Tupelo, called it when he wrote it for his church bulletin. I hope he doesn't mind my passing it on to you:

"Once I visited a little lady who couldn't get out any more. She had lived an interesting life, had known many friends, and enjoyed a successful career in business; but the time had come for her to retire, and gradually her friends had died or moved away."

"She was very lonely and therefore glad to see me. We had a wonderful visit but finally the time came to go. I said goodbye, shook hands with her, and leaned down to kiss her cheek lightly. Her face glowed as she looked up and said, 'Thank you — you see, nobody kisses me any more.'"

"There are so many folks who feel this way. Did you ever stop to think that you and I should never know a lonely person? If we really care about everyone we know, that in itself would help to wipe out any hurtful loneliness they might feel, wouldn't it?"

First Baptist Church of Wiggins, Miss., he suggested I write to you, hoping this letter could find a space in the Baptist Record.

Quoting excerpts from the National Enquirer, dated Jan. 18, 1978, "Woman Wins Lone Crusade Against 'Inhumane' Tax on Medical Devices."

"You can't fight city hall!"

"That's what everyone says — but a 55 year old Binghamton, N. Y. housewife proved it's a lot of bunk if your cause is just and you are determined. Mary Behr waged a one-woman crusade which shamed the New York State Legislature into exempting some 350 medical devices — wheel chairs, crutches, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medicine, etc. — from state and local sales taxes. Then Mrs. Behr turned her wrath on California, and that state also yielded — exempting many devices. There are still about 16 other states with little or no exemptions for the handicapped, says Mrs. Behr.

"It's possible to get these situations changed. Justice can be done if just a few people will take time to help their fellow man. It's absolutely inhumane to tax the handicapped and suffering for devices and supplies that are necessary for their well-being; she said 'I was very offended by this horrible and inhumane tax.'"

Mississippi is one of these 16 States.

Please read Matt. 25:40, then sit down and take the time to write to your state senator and state representative, telling them we want to put an end to this horrible tax. Also start a petition and get as many signatures as possible. Let's let our legislators know we do not approve of taxing the handicapped and elderly.

Mrs. Evelyn Flurry
513 E. Pine Avenue
Wiggins, Miss. 39577

Used Bibles Needed

Dear Editor:

A fantastic door of opportunity has opened to the ministry of the World Home Bible League in Africa and India. The World Home Bible League has made arrangements to ship used Bibles and New Testaments without payment of duty or tariff. The Bibles will be given free of charge to indigenous churches, missionaries, and Christian individuals.

We need to raise one million used Bibles to meet the requests for the year 1978.

Thank you for any consideration you may give us.

Cecil M. Staton, Director
Southern Baptist Division
World Home Bible League
P. O. Box 15268
Del City, Okla. 73115

—Book Reviews—

ETHEL WATERS: I TOUCHED A SPARROW by Twila Knaack (Word Books, 128 pp., \$5.95) Here is a portrait of Ethel Waters, whose career spanned more than six decades. She grew up in the ghettos of Philadelphia and Chester, Pa. Though she never had a singing lesson she was the first woman to perform "The St. Louis Blues" and the first Negro woman to have the lead in a legitimate Broadway play. In 1957, when she attended Billy Graham's New York Crusade, she made a commitment to devote her life to the service of God. This book is an account of her last years, written by one who was her frequent companion and helper.

HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN by Billy Graham (Word Books, Large Print Edition, 187 pp., \$7.95) This book, attractively bound and set in large print so that it will be easy to read, is for the new Christian and for the Christian along the Way. It is a primer for finding salvation and a guidebook for continuing growth.

THREE TO WIN by James E. Adams (Gospel Publishing, paper, \$1.50, 125 pp.) It takes three to win a soul to Christ: a soul winner, a willing sinner, and the Holy Spirit. Says the author of this book, "God turns the wheels of circumstance. He helps you minister to the right person at the right time."

I LOVE BEING MARRIED TO A GRANDMA by Ken Berven with foreword by Billy Graham (Thomas Nelson, \$5.95, 144 pp.) This is a book about two people who are even more in love after 32 years of marriage than they were as young sweethearts. (They first met as children in Sunday School.) The author relates the special joys that come with being grandparents and still lovers in the middle years. He admits to problems that arise and adjustments that have to be made.



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Child Care Center Produces Ministry To Internationals

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The enrollment make-up reveals the outreach to internationals — 116 Caucasian, four Chinese, one Greek, one French, one Filipino, ten blacks, and one whose father is from India and mother from America.

Clement Cheng, age 4, born in Taiwan, learned to speak English at kindergarten. His father does pharmaceutical research at the university. Kelly and Sara Chiu are sisters. Another sister, Kathy, was enrolled last summer. Their Chinese parents are members of First Baptist, though parents of quite a few of the children belong to churches of other denominations.

A fourth plus for this place is its dividends to the children themselves. The child who has personality problems, or problems at home, finds love and understanding in a Christian atmosphere. "They put my daddy in the ground," one told his playmates, and they gathered around to offer sympathy and friendship.

The pastor and assistant pastor, George McFadin, direct chapel services for the children on Thursday mornings, and include songs, Bible study, Bible stories, and object lessons. In addition, the children often produce plays about Bible characters. They ask the blessing at snacktime and lunchtime and talk of God the

Creator as they study nature.

"It was the blood, sweat and tears of Carole Dye that made this center what it is," Sewell said. Wife of attorney Bill Dye, mother of a ten-year-old daughter, Anne, and former school teacher, she gave the first 15 months' work to the church without pay. "My mission," she said, "is this job. It is my way of serving the Lord." She laid the groundwork for the beginning of the kindergarten and has served as direc-



Juanita Crowson comforts a two-year-old.

tor since the time of its opening.

While she was completing work for an Ed. D degree in elementary education at Ole Miss she saw the need for a day care center for children of faculty and students at the university. (There is now a federally funded center at the university that keeps children of students, but it is fairly new and has a limited enrollment.)

The First Baptist Church Child Care Center opened in January of 1976 with two enrolled, and grew to 75 by the end of the first year. According to state law, that was the limit to be admitted when there were only five sinks! "When we added four more sinks we could take 60 more children," Dr. Dye said. Enrollment for the present session is 134.

"We grew faster than we ever dreamed we would," said Jean Jones, member of the church's Child Care Committee. (Other members of this committee are Jimmy Vinson; Mrs. Dolly Henry; and the pastor.)

Sixty-five enrolled in kindergarten come at 8:30 and leave at 11:30; others, in day care, may stay from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Not one of the teachers of children below three years of age is given more than seven, for "the fewer children per adult, the better the care for the child."

The church provides facilities, janitorial care, and space. Other expenses (such as salaries, food, supplies, and playground equipment) are paid from the children's fees.

Fees for bed babies amount to \$22.50 a week for each. Other day care pupils pay only \$20 a week. "It actually costs the center at least \$10 a day to keep the babies," Dye said. She added that beginning this summer fees will fall due on a monthly basis, thus relieving some bookkeeping duties. (This will help her, for she is also the bookkeeper.) New summer rates will be \$100 a month for babies, toddlers, and 2's, and \$90 a month for 3's, 4's, and 5's.

Annie Thompson, cook and dietician, and her assistant, Annie Ruth Campbell, prepare five noon meals and ten snacks for each child in day care, every week. After the church bought a washing machine and dryer, Martha Woolfolk, who keeps the bed babies, began washing the sheets and towels as a special contribution to the program. "Though we have a long waiting list, we will not accept more than five bed babies," said the director, "for that is all we can properly care for."

Time is allotted for outdoor play; toddlers and 2's have a fenced-in separate play area to prevent their being trampled.

"This kindergarten is costing me!" said Jimmy Vinson of the Child Care Committee. "My wife helped to start it. Now she is going to school to make a career of child care, and I'm paying her tuition at the university!" Their son, David, 5, is enrolled in the kindergarten. Vinson has built and donated many pieces of play equipment.

Dye declared, "We have no problems. We simply call them challenges. For one thing, the Lord provided teachers when there were not any." She said she agreed with Schuyler Batson, former pastor at Oxford, and recent revival minister, who told her, "If you are doing the Lord's will, He will make the arrangements."



This rocking seesaw is guaranteed not to overturn.



Marilyn Martin and the 5's inspect a bird's nest. Chuck Torres, center, is from the Philippines.

"At Home With The Bible" To Premiere In October

By Tim Nicholas

"At Home With The Bible" premieres in October over about 15 television stations nationwide. The series, hosted by Frank Pollard, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, is an attempt to link the American public to meaningful Bible study through television.

Produced jointly by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission, the show is one of a four pronged plan for ministry. Besides the broadcasting, there will be a correspondence Bible study, available for the asking through the television show, a limited counseling ministry, and a referral ministry.

The counseling ministry, according to John Ishee of the Sunday School Board's Bible Correspondence Section, will include pre-set answers to about 400 anticipated questions, such as How can I be born again? Ishee said at a preview of the show in Hattiesburg last week that his section does not expect many questions about personal problems.

He said that the Bible study will be keyed to the television shows, but will not necessitate watching the shows to be able to complete the lessons.

The fourth prong of the ministry is a referral service. Ishee said the Sunday School Board is looking for ways to connect unchurched people who are enrolled in home Bible study with a local church.

perhaps between 8-9 on Sunday mornings.

He said he hoped this program would counter some of the other types of television ministry shows already on the air. However, "we're not going to become another para-church parasite," he said.

The series will be available, in addition to airing in the 15 cities (expected to include Jackson, Miss.), to public television and cable stations around the country.

It is expected to cost approximately \$1.5 million to produce the first year.

Questions or comments, or enrollment in the home Bible study are welcomed at: Home Bible Study, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

New Church In Scotland Is Result Of North Sea Oil Boom

ABERDEEN, Scotland — The first Southern Baptist - related church in Scotland is a preview of evangelistic possibilities as the North Sea oil boom continues. The church, International Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was constituted here in mid-January and is already diligently looking for a pastor.

Southern Baptist missionary James Spaulding serves as pastor now but he has other work to do. He says 10 churches could easily be started

within a 15-mile radius of Aberdeen. The ripest areas for growth for International and other churches are new communities developed in connection with the oil boom.

These communities are largely made up of internationals, with the majority being Americans. Many of them are Christians and see the need for Christian fellowship and growth. Spaulding estimates there are at least 1,300 foreign families in Scotland.

Beyond The Ironing Board

A Woman's World Reaches Far



It seems that as we go around every corner of life we have to say goodbye to something.

Occasionally, the person or thing we say goodbye to is not too important to us, so it isn't too meaningful to say the goodbye. Then again, an illness or an unpleasant task, when we get through with each, makes goodbye an enjoyable task.

A storm cloud passing over is bid a sigh-of-relief goodbye, while the first springtime shower is allowed to go with a reluctant one. The goodbye of putting away little-boy shoes for some-like-Daddy's puts away a caught breath or two, too.

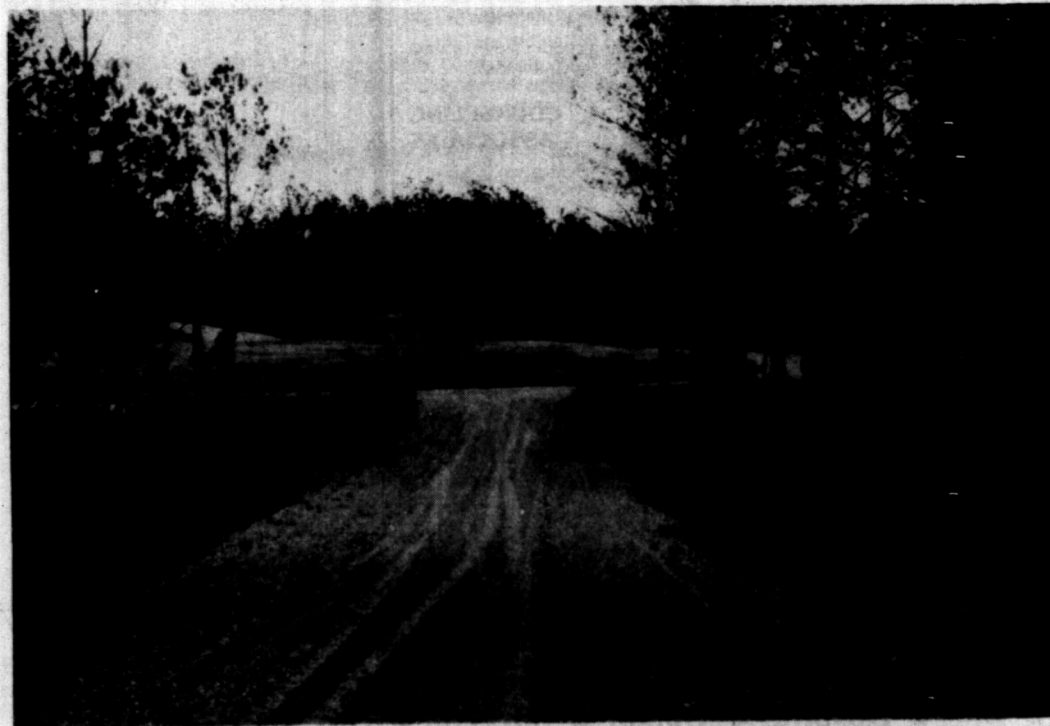
Exchanging an old house for a new

one isn't always easy; the goodbye comes a bit hard on moving day. A child's first venture on his own requires a parent to speak a heart-speeding goodbye. Goodbyes go on and on.

Now, I have to say goodbye to you again. I really do hate to. At first, I thought I would not write a goodbye column. Then I thought you are too nice for me not to say goodbye. It would be ungrateful for me not to.

The way we say goodbye often expresses how we feel about saying goodbye. It makes me sad to say goodbye to you.

If there were some way to typeset teardrops, you would see how sad.



Roads for Phase I of the Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko have been constructed. A flag pole will be erected in the open space, pictured above, near the entrance gate. The dining room will be near this point at left.



A lake is already on the 350-acre Central Hills property. (See page 1 story.)

Central Hills Boys-Camp To Be Ready Next Year

The half hour programs are also under scrutiny as to finalization of format. Previews in different areas are designed to gather opinion for directions for the show.

The pilot shown at Hattiesburg features a low key exposition on the biblical story of The Prodigal Son by Pollard, music by Singer Cynthia Clawson and a group named New World, plus spiels for enrollment in the home Bible study, and Christian conversion testimonies. Ishee told previewers that actors had been hired to play the parts of the testimony givers.

No money is asked for on the air. Ishee said that ultimately funds will be requested from those who enroll, but with no requirements for paying.

Pollard, who attended the preview assured those present that the show would not be presented during the Sunday School or worship hour, but

Missionaries, Pastor Keep Seminary Going

LUSAKA, Zambia — When emergencies force personnel transfers on the mission field, missionaries and local leaders alike step in to help meet the need.

This was the case at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zambia. When the seminary's principal, Southern Baptist missionary Dick A. Rader, had to transfer to South Africa for medical reasons, the seminary board of governors asked several people to teach until a replacement could be obtained.

Two of the substitutes, Southern Baptist missionary Jerry A. Hubbard and Zambian pastor Moses Chimfumpa, drive 270 miles from Serenje each week to teach classes two days a week.

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Seminary News

Student Not Angry At Surcharge Levy

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary President W. Randall Lolley faced an unenviable task when he told non-Southern Baptist students in his school that they would be assessed a \$150 surcharge.

No tuition is charged at Southern Baptist Convention seminaries because the basic funding is provided through the convention's Cooperative Program (unified budget). And all students at Southeastern paid the same fees, regardless of denomination.

But since students from non-Southern Baptist churches are not participants in the basic funding, and considering the rising cost of education, seminary trustees levied a surcharge to begin in the fall of 1978.

Though Lolley dreaded bearing the

bad news, he found his audience generally supportive—especially one United Methodist student who wrote Lolley later, expressing his appreciation to the seminary and Southern Baptists.

The writer said that as a United Methodist, he was grateful for what Southern Baptists are doing for him. "I have been accepted at Southeastern as an equal, with no strings attached," he said. "My denomination has always been respected both by the faculty and the student body. I have never felt that something was being held against me. The spirit of Christian love and mission on this campus has been a source of strength, stimulation and encouragement to me as I begin my pilgrimage to serve my Lord. I have been offered the finest kind of education possible."

45 From State Get Degrees At New Orleans

Forty-five Mississippi students were among those who received degrees and awards during the 61st annual May graduation exercises of New Orleans Seminary May 13.

Those who received the Doctor of Education degree were Clinton I. and Laura Morrison (Mr. and Mrs.).

The Doctor of Ministry degree was awarded to Randall Perry, Thomas Strickland, Fred Steelman, Talmadge Eugene Smith, Ben Purvis, Calvin Phelps, Jimmy Nunnelee, Roy McHenry, Jerry File, Jack Farmer, Clifford Estes, Jr., William Crosby, Charles Bagwell, Farris Smith, and J. Edward North.

The Master of Divinity degree was awarded to Timothy Williams, David Yeager, Frank Ellis, Paul Earley, Robert Armstrong, Susan Arnold, Hal Bates, Walter Brown, Tommy Bufkin, Michael Carr, Ronald Pitts, Randy Gillespie, W. Eugene Gillis Jr., Edwin Goff, Kenneth Holt, Fred Jones, William Lunsford, Dennis Smith, John Temple, Paul Thibodeaux, and Patric Upton.

The Master of Religious Education degree was presented to Rick Ball, Charles Donald Eaves, James Hampton, Hollis Lang, Guy McAdory, was presented to Howard Gerald Aultman.

The Master of Church Music degree was presented to Howard Gerald Aultman.

Enrollment during the past year again surpassed all previous enrollment records. At the end of the Spring semester, 1,355 students had been registered for classes.

Southwestern Breakfast To Be At Hilton

FORT WORTH, Tex. — The Atlanta Hilton in Downtown Atlanta, Ga., will be the gathering place for a record breaking crowd of Southwestern Seminary alumni and friends on June 14, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The annual alumni luncheon will be a "70-50-20 Celebration." The seminary will mark its 70th anniversary this year, while President Robert E. Naylor completes 50 years in the ministry and 20 years as Southwestern's president.

The program will highlight tributes to President and Mrs. Naylor by three alumni pastors: Frank Pollard, First church, Jackson, Miss.; Kenneth Chaffin, South Main church, Houston, Tex.; and Ralph Smith, Hyde Park church, Austin, Tex.

Three alumni will be honored as Distinguished Alumni, 1978. They are Jesse Fletcher, president, Hardin Simmons University; Helen Bagby Harrison, retired missionary to Brazil; and Cecil A. Ray, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Boyce School Opens Springfield Center

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — In what has been called a strategic move in the Bold Mission Thrust (Southern Baptists' program to spread the gospel to everyone in the world by the year 2000), Illinois Baptists and the Board of Overseers of Boyce Bible School have voted to establish an off-campus Boyce Center in Springfield. Boyce Bible School is a diploma granting theological training program for

ministers without college degrees sponsored by The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In addition to its campus adjacent to Southern Seminary, there are presently Boyce School Centers in Little Rock, Ark., and Columbus, Ohio. Each is sponsored and supported by its state Baptist convention.



Eight Meet After 50 Years

Eight members of the Clarke College class of 1928 and their spouses met on May 3 at the college for their 50th anniversary reunion. Two former faculty members, M. C. McDaniel and John F. Carter and their wives also attended. Class President J. B. Gill of Toombs, Ga., presided. Clarke President S. L. Harris and President-elect W. L. Compere spoke to the group. Two framed maps were presented to the Bible Department by Jim Cox of Meridian. Committee members J. B. Gill, Mrs. J. B. Gill, Cleo Daniel Sumrall, Lizzie Nabors Daniel, and Jim Cox worked with Alumni Director Allen Parnell in planning the meeting.

Back row, l to r: Melvin Smith, J. B. Gill, H. D. Jordan, and Jim R. Cox. Front row, l to r: Mrs. Cleo Daniel Sumrall, Mrs. J. B. Gill, Mrs. Mary Pickering Frost, and Mrs. Lizzie Nabors Daniel.

Drew Youth Council Plans "Real Life '78" For Delta



Schahn



Lester



Larrimore



Payne

Personalities from across the nation will lead the area-wide "Real Life '78" activities at Drew Church June 4-9.

Plans for a week of spiritual growth and renewal emphases grew out of "the concern of the Youth Council that the Jerusalem and Samaria of their lives had not been entered," according to Victor Payne, pastor.

"Ordinarily each summer has meant a trip to Ridgecrest or Glorieta for the young people of the church," the pastor said. "It was while making plans for the 1978 trip that the concern for the lost and unchurched of their community, found expression.

"Knowing that many of their schoolmates and friends had not been able to go to a Baptist assembly during the summers, the Youth Council decided to take the money budgeted for their summer trip and bring a week of Christian conferences and spiritual challenge to their own area.

"The result is a week of intensive effort to lead youth and adults of the central Delta area to an awareness of what real Christian living is all about."

"Real Life '78" will begin on June 4 with High Attendance Day in Sunday School, homecoming, an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds, and special speakers.

Highlighting the day will be appearances by Tom Lester, native of Laurel, remembered as Eb in "Green Acres."

Preacher for the week will be Barry Schahn of West Palm Beach, Fla., and music evangelist will be Tom Larrimore of Jackson. They will lead the Youth Celebrations each morning at 11 and spiritual life services each evening at 7:30.

Schahn is minister for the Chapel-In-The-Sun at Singer Island, Fla. Larrimore is in his eighth year of full-time music evangelism.

Each morning there will be conferences for all junior high, senior high, and college young people. Conference leaders will include Willie Mae Cutler of Camden, Ark., Scott McLellan of Cleveland, Miss., and Jimmy Dukes of New Orleans, La. The conference to

pics will include morals, knowing God's will, training in discipleship, the Bible's answers to today's questions, and courtship and marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hood of Clarksdale, concert artists, will be at the piano and organ.

Young people from more than a dozen churches and communities across the Delta have already registered for this week. Some conference registrations are still available.

Danny White, minister of music and youth at Drew Church, says, "Real Life '78 was planned to a large degree by the Youth Council of our church."

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Staff Changes

Lisa Gilmore began her duties May 22, as summer youth director at Parkway, Natchez. A native of Jackson, she is a junior at Mississippi College. She has completed service as an intern in the Christian activities program at Morrison Heights Church in Clinton.

Gilmore

Her duties at Parkway this summer, according to Gerald Buckley, pastor, will include leading Bible study activities, planning recreational activities, directing special activities for children, and assisting with the Youth Choir tour to Florida and Walt Disney World in July, and conducting activities at the annual Junior Camp for children in Grades 1-6 in August.

Alvin Bedgood of Woodville is the interim pastor at Galilee Church, Gloucester.

George Mars is serving as associate pastor, youth director, and recreation director for the summer at Strong Hope Church, Copiah Association. He is formerly from Pascagoula, and is now attending Mississippi College. Robert L. Smith is pastor.



West Laurel Church, Laurel, has called Michael W. Burt as minister of music and youth. Burt, a native of Brookhaven, received the Master's degree in music from University of Southern Mississippi. He goes to West Laurel from First, Purvis. He is married to the former Jennifer King of Brookhaven, a nurse at Forrest General Hospital. They have a daughter, Amy, age 5. The Burt's were honored with a reception and pounding on April 16. Wayne L. DuBose is pastor at West Laurel.

Larry Kirk has resigned as assistant pastor of Calvary Church, Meridian, to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church, Augusta, Ga.

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Seminary Announces Spring Graduates

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nine from Mississippi are among the nearly 300 spring graduates at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Howard Kauffmann, president of the Exxon Oil Corporation, will be speaker at the June 2 graduation ceremony. His son and daughter-in-law are among the members of the largest senior class in the school's 119-year history.

Graduates from this state include: Master of Divinity degree—William D. Boggs, Laurel; Edward B. Copeland, Ferguson; John Marvin Kramer, Quitman; Stephen Allen Odom, Pascagoula; David Wayne Rogers, Jackson; Robert B. Sumrall, Jr., Gulfport; and Donald West, Shannon. Master of Religious Education degree—Babette Graves Boggs, Southaven; and William Earl Dick, Jr., Ocean Springs.

Midwestern To Host Alumni Luncheon In Atlanta

KANSAS CITY, MO. — "Midwestern Alumni: Sharing New Horizons" is the theme for the annual business meeting and luncheon of the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary National Alumni Association, to take place during the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

The event will be held Wednesday, June 14, 12:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Omni International Hotel, adjacent to the World Congress Center, where SBC activities are scheduled.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Louie D. Newton, prominent Southern Baptist advocate of church-state separation and religious liberty, will be honored at a special Americans United For Separation of Church and State awards banquet, Wednesday, June 14, 5:30 p.m., in Atlanta's Peachtree Plaza Hotel. In addition to his long association with Americans United, Newton served as editor of *The Christian Index* from 1920 to 1930 and pastor of Atlanta's Druid Hills Baptist Church from 1930 until his retirement in 1970.

Tommy E. Lovorn, native of Calhoun City, is the writer for a unit in the July quarterly of *Source* for adults in Church Training. The unit is entitled "Skills in Witnessing." Lovorn is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and Doctor of Theology degree from Luther Rice Seminary. He and his wife Janie, along with their daughter Christy, now reside in Cheraw, S. C. where he has been pastor of First Baptist Church since 1968. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lovorn, Sr., live in Calhoun City.

Carlyle B. Hayes, senior vice president of the Radio and Television Commission's Management Services Division, has been awarded the professional designation, Certified Administrative Manager by the Administrative Management Society. To qualify for the C.A.M. designation, a person must pass a five-part written examination, have at least two years of management experience, high standards of professional and personal conduct, and proven leadership ability.

Franklin D. Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, has been scheduled to speak at the eleventh annual Phi Theta Kappa in Durango, Colo., next month. His address, "The Survival of the Bible," will be in a series of addresses on the institute theme "Man Alive: Can He Survive?" Those attending the institute will be 300 student members of Phi Theta Kappa, the national scholastic fraternity for two-year colleges of America.



Martha (Mrs. James D.) Belote has received recognition for 30 years of service with the Foreign Mission Board. Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, is shown presenting Mrs. Belote with a 30-year pin. Mrs. Belote is responsible for scheduling missionary speakers for conferences throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The former Martha Bigham of Water Valley, Miss., she and her husband were appointed missionaries to China in 1940. During World War II they worked in Oahu, Hawaii, until returning to China in 1947. They transferred to Hong Kong in 1950. In 1968 they moved to Richmond, Va., where her husband served as the board's area secretary for East Asia until his death in 1975. (FMB) photo by Van Payne.

Mount Zion Church near Weston recently honored its pastor, Dick Hill, on his first anniversary there, and presented to him a surprise gift. Hill's message for the morning was titled, "After One Year." The pastor and his wife, Linda, are the parents of three children.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Michael D. Chute, director of college relations at Southwest Baptist College, has been hired as managing editor of "Word and Way," the Missouri Baptist newspaper, effective June 5. Chute, 27, was a public information specialist four years in the public relations office at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board before he went to Southwest Baptist College.

P. J. Scott received the Master of Divinity degree at commencement exercises at Mid-America Seminary, Thursday, May 13. He holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from University of Tennessee. He is pastor of the First Church of Olive Branch.

Albert L. Travis, a native of Batesville, Miss., has been appointed chairman of the department of organ at Southwest Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He will assume his position in August after the retirement of Gladys Day. Travis is the largest denominational seminary in the world with an enrollment of over 4,000. Prior to coming to Southwest, Travis served nine years on the faculty of Dallas Baptist College. Beginning July 1, he will also assume the organist position at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

New Hope (Tate) surprised its pastor, Robert Jenkins, with a reception during Church Training hour on May 12. The church gave Jenkins a suit, shirt, tie, and socks as a graduation gift. The pastor received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mid-South Bible College, Memphis, on May 16. Pastor at New Hope for two years, he plans to enter Mid-America Seminary at Memphis.



Sharon Wilson, a recent graduate of Clarke College has been selected as a summer missionary by the Home Mission Board, and will be in Louisville, Ky. A ventriloquist, Sharon has appeared with Rickie, above, in revival crusades, youth retreats, banquets, and on TV programs. She is a member of the Hanging Moss Church in Jackson. Her father, Paul Wilson, is the pastor.

Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Joyce Spires, missionaries to Malawi, have arrived on the field (address: Box 30214 Chichiri, Blantyre 3, Malawi).

Oren Robison, father of Oren C. Robison Jr., missionary to Liberia, died May 13. Missionary Robison may be addressed at P. O. Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia.

Thomas and Margaret Vassar, missionaries to Venezuela, have arrived at language school (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica).

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Williams, missionaries to Colombia, are in language school (address: Apartado 100, Sn Fco, 2 Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica, C. A.)

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence A. Walker, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Rua Benjamin Batista 180 Apt. 403, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil. They are natives of Jackson, Tenn. She is the former Nancy Applewhite.

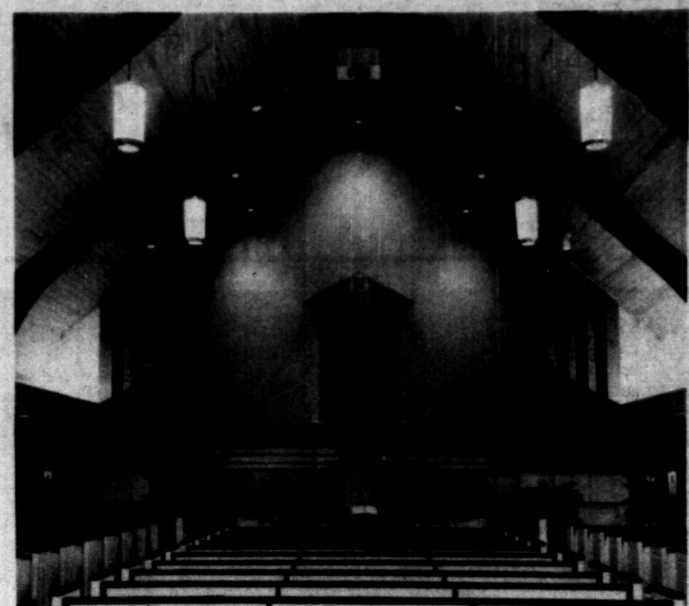
Ruth (Mrs. Jack G.) Partain, missionary who suffered a brain contusion in a car accident March 23 in Tanzania, has been moved to the rehabilitation section of the Baylor University Medical Center. Partain said his wife is conscious, talking, sitting up and walking with help. Rehabilitation therapy is being given.

Clifton L. Colston, father of Billy G. Colston, missionary to Korea, died May 5. Currently in the States, Colston may be addressed at 1311 Johnston Drive, Anniston, Ala. 36201. He was born in Kosciusko, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Tarpley, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Baptist Medical Centre, Box 15, Ogbomoso, Nigeria).

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Pirkle, missionaries to Gaza, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Baptist Hospital, Gaza, via Israel).

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries to Bangladesh, may be addressed at P. O. Box 99, Dacca 2, Bangladesh.



Wildwood Dedicates Sanctuary

Wildwood Church, Clinton, Mississippi, dedicated its new sanctuary May 7 with 599 in attendance. The new facility (top picture) is the third building the congregation has erected in the past two years and eight months, with a combined construction cost in excess of \$370,000. Program participants are shown in center, left to right: David Cranford, Earl Kelly, Douglas Hudgins, Howard Spell, Fred Womack, pastor, Fred Tarpley, and Jack Lyall, minister of music and education, on left front row bottom photo. The building committee is in bottom picture. Front row, left to right: Lyall, Jane Rochester (co-secretary), Joyce Brown (secretary), Glynda Woodruff, Sue King, Bill Taylor, Back row: Ben Marshall (chairman), Richard Williams (chairman), James Jenkins, John Simpson, Womack.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Baptist Children's Village

P. O. Box 11308

Jackson, MS. 39213

Beginning with this edition, and continuing for the remainder of 1978, The Baptist Children's Village initiates a regular, monthly publication of news and general information about our children, our staff and our ministry. Through arrangements with the editorial staff of THE BAPTIST RECORD, "The Village View" will be presented on this page of the first week's publication in each month through December. Contingent upon available funds, an evaluation of interest manifested among our friends, this experimental publication will be continued throughout 1979. We will release news stories and items of major interest in other parts of THE BAPTIST RECORD from time to time, attempting to use this space for answering frequently asked questions and publicizing other facets of our ministry which might not otherwise warrant news space.

Almost every feature in this first publication relates to our child care effort generally, or to news from our Jackson Campus. In the months ahead, we will be including the information which many of you request concerning our children and program on the branch, Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County and at our Satellite Home in New Albany. If this new Village information service interests you, or if you would enjoy news about specific Village programs which have not been mentioned; you would favor us by writing: THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213. It has always been the determination of this administration to inform Mississippi Baptist churches and individual friends of Village children as accurately and as thoroughly as possible regarding this compassionate mission ministry. With the use of this space, we take another step in fulfilling that determination.

We hope you enjoy this "View" of the Village, Mississippi Baptists' official child care agency, and Mississippi's largest family.

Respectfully,



PAUL N. NUNNERY
Executive Director

News From Schools

Village staff and friends have joined in saluting the accomplishments of 16 Village young people who are reaching goals in their academic and vocational lives during the Spring and Summer of 1978. Twelve different Village young people graduated from high schools in late May; two others are completing their college requirements during the summer months of 1978; and two are completing vocational training on the college level. High School graduates include: Craig Applegate, Dale Carroll, Vicki Comstock, Karen Dennis, Kim Hillhouse, Deanie Hopson, Robin Millet, Cindi Nix and Chris White from Clinton High School; Sherry Martin and Geoffrey Blansett from New Albany High School; and Lisa Chambers

from Independence High School. During the summer, Loretta Martin will be completing her academic requirements for graduation from University of Southern Mississippi and Faye Lewis will be graduating from Mississippi University for Women. James McGrew from our Farrow Manor Campus and Bobby Thames from our Jackson Campus have completed vocational training from Northwest Junior College at Senatobia and Hinds Junior College at Raymond, respectively. THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE is justly proud of these splendid young people. In the next school year, we will be entering 7 new college students academically and 5 new college students in vocational training.

Character And Career Development Department

Annette Hitt, Director

Wednesday night prayer meeting on Tuesday night is the way we do it at THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE. Each Tuesday, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., children and staff from our Jackson campus meet in Powell Chapel, on the Jackson campus, for a time of fellowship and worship, specifically geared to the needs of daily living in a home for children, and with off-campus guests bringing short messages. Frequently, soloists, choral ensembles and choirs from our Department of Music are featured at three services, and some services are led by Village young people. Recent guest-leaders have included: Bob Tyler, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Mississippi State



Powell Chapel

University; Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Past President of the Southern Baptist Convention; Chris McClamroch Ahern of Jackson, Miss Mississippi of 1971 and former resident of Palmer Home for Children; virtually every Baptist Pastor in the Jackson area and many well-known Christian laymen from about the state.

In cooperation with The Village's Department of Activities and Coach John L. Self of that Department, some of our young people are undertaking a new therapeutic activity for worship purposes during the summer of 1978 in the form of a Village puppet ministry.

Bonfires, outdoor singingspirations and cook-outs will feature many of our Tuesday evening worship services during the summer months, as we continue seminars and workshops with small groups receiving guidance in everything from appropriate dress and grooming to the dangers of drug abuse and Christian sex education. Our Department is designed to communicate the worthwhileness of the individual, from a moral and spiritual base, to the children under care.

Forty Village children on the Jackson campus will be involved in an on-campus Vacation Bible School from June 5 to June 9. Doug Tipps, Melody Tune, Mike Allen and Ernie



Mrs. Hitt and Village children begin puppet ministry

Brunson, all from our church family at First Baptist in Jackson will assist us in conducting this important activity.

Retreats, a regular feature of Character and Career Development at The Village, and designed to afford time for reflection, fellowship and real Christian growth, are planned for the summer of 1978. Included in our retreat plans are a Big Brother-Big Sister Retreat, a "For Girls Only" get together and a "For Boys Only" Retreat. Day camps will provide an opportunity for children of all ages to be involved in some in-depth Bible study.

Campus Visitors

"May we visit The Village?" Certainly — you are most welcome! Saturday afternoons and Sundays represent the only times when it is not convenient for us to welcome guests. While advance notice of your visit is not essential, it does help us to serve you better. We enjoy having a qualified staff member available to answer your questions and tell you a bit about our child care effort, together with guides, selected from our children to show you about. All three Village installations are anxious to have you come. In Jackson, contact us at Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213 or at Telephone No. 922-2242; in New Albany, write to us at 235 Bankhead Street, New Albany, Mississippi, 38652 or call us at 534-3932; to visit our Farrow Manor Campus, write to us at Box 168, Independence, Mississippi, 38638 or call our Tate County offices at 233-2155.

How You Can Help

Village friends often ask us "What do you NEED other than cash gifts?"

1. In all sincerity, we would have you know how desperately we need, first and foremost, your prayers and your understanding, as our staff confronts an awesome assignment with neglected, dependent, and frequently confused and disturbed boys and girls, their homes and families. Perhaps never in the history of our society has the process of "growing up" been so dangerous, or the task of those responsible for growing youth so difficult.

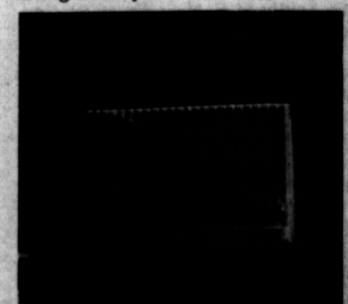
2. Can you imagine a routine day with Mississippi's "largest family" when it takes about 240 towels and wash cloths; 410 single sheets and 66 double sheets to change the beds; nearly 200 pairs of socks and shoes plus other clothing, then about 32 pounds of bacon and 350 eggs just to get the day started? We continuously need every item incident to daily living and routine home life — all in enormous quantities.

3. We NEED about 150 BAPTIST HYMNALS to use in our campus prayer services and in our music program. We have a very limited supply of 17 year old books.

4. We NEED good CHRISTIAN HOUSEPARENTS — both husband and wife teams as well as single ladies under 60 years of age, without dependent children, and in good health. The unqualified endorsement of the local Baptist pastor is required. For further information write P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, or call (601) 922-2242.

5. You may also help by joining hundreds of friends of THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE in honoring the living and memorializing honored dead through our MEMORIAL FUND. For information or convenient envelopes, please contact us.

6. Although MOTHER'S DAY is the suggested time for each Baptist Church in Mississippi to remember the Village, many churches select a different date. Please contact us any time you need information brochures or offering envelopes.

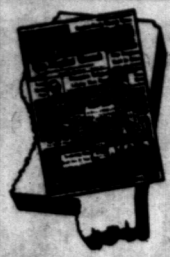


Main entrance, Jackson campus

Summer Holidays

From mid-July to mid-August, village boys and girls will be enjoying "vacations", through the medium of two-week visits into private homes about the state. THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE is one of the private, group care agencies which pioneered extended holiday visits into private homes as a means of keeping its young wards in touch with the strengths and the realities of the home and family. Mrs. Claire Nowlin, Director of the Village's Department of Social Service, arranges these holiday visits, with the assistance of the social caseworkers on her staff. According to Mrs. Nowlin, holiday dates for children on the Village's Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County will commence on July 15 and terminate on

July 30, with the boys and girls who reside in the Village's Satellite Home in New Albany observing the same schedule. Children from the Jackson Campus will go on holiday on July 29, returning to the Campus on August 13. Mississippi families who are interested in entertaining one or more young people from Village care in their homes for one of these holiday periods are urged to write: Mrs. Claire Nowlin, THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, or telephone Village offices in Jackson at 922-2242. Families who have not served as Village holiday hosts in the recent past must be prepared to obtain the unqualified endorsement of a Baptist pastor in their home areas.



Just For The Record



MOTHERS HONORED on May 14 at the CLARKSDALE CHURCH were Mrs. Robert Feather, most children; Mrs. Mary Duke, oldest mother and Mrs. James Davenport, youngest mother (photo at left). Presenting corsages is Lucius B. Marion, pastor. Mission Friends under direction of Mrs. David Gladden and Mrs. Les Jacob, sang special music honoring mothers. Left to right, photo at right, Beth Gladden, Payton Canard, Rachael Jacob, Angie Ray, Shannon Canard, and Melanie McGahey.



FIRST CHURCH OF RUNNELSTOWN held Senior Adult Day on April 30. This was a kick-off for the Mississippi Baptist emphasis on senior adults in May, according to Thomas Balch, pastor. The Ruth Sunday School class took the lead in planning. The morning service was dedicated to senior adults. Pews were reserved by a rose at the end. A representative of the Sunday School class spoke in honor of these adults and told what they have meant to the church and to the people of Runnelstown. A poem, "The Lampighter," was read and dedicated to Mrs. Wilma Gandy, describing her dedication to these people and all people. A luncheon prepared by the Ruth Sunday School class was served in Fellowship Hall.



MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH, CARROLL COUNTY, held Youth Day on May 7. The young people assumed all duties of worship for the day, beginning with a Brotherhood Breakfast at 7 a.m. They taught Sunday School and Training Union classes; led the singing, and played the piano. Wilton A. Neal, Carrollton, brought the messages for the day. Carlis Braswell is pastor.

New Prospect (DeSoto) burned a note on May 21. Five years ago they borrowed money to build a two-story educational annex... on a 13 year note... and paid it in full in less than five years. A dinner-on-the-ground was observed in Fellowship Hall after the note burning.

In this five year period, the church also bought a double-wide mobile home for the pastor home, moved it to the church site, and thereby had a pastor living on the church field for the first time. Then, this March, the church bought a new house for the pastor's home in the community. The pastor, Randy Mobley, and his family are now living there. Mobley began serving New Prospect in November, 1973.

Top photo: Building Committee and pastor, I. to r, Mrs. Nell Haven, Frank McCulley, Mobley, W. E. Pickens, Ralph Swindoll, (Larry Dempsey could not be present.)

Bottom photo: Four of the older members of the church are I to r, Mrs. Alice Britt, 88; Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Sr., 88; Mrs. Lizzie Munns, 86; Miss Julia Sneed, 80. Three of the younger are Mrs. Britt, Mrs. Munns, and Miss Sneed. Mrs. Johnson is a cousin of the others.

At Morrison Heights

Pastor Arrival Coincides With 20th Anniversary

The first Sunday in June will mark the 20th anniversary of the organization of Morrison Heights Church in Clinton. Special activities for the day will include an old-fashioned dinner on the ground and an afternoon's program featuring L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian.

Kermit McGregor will begin his work as pastor of the church on this special anniversary day. McGregor, native of Pontotoc County, was educated in the public schools of Pontotoc County, at Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. Two honorary doctorates were conferred on him during spring commencement this year.

Following the first morning worship service led by the new pastor, members and guests will have lunch together and then adjourn to the

sanctuary for a service of celebration consisting primarily of music and the message by Sansing. Provisions will be made for the care of pre-schoolers during the period immediately following lunch.

During the past 20 years at Morrison Heights, humble beginnings have been multiplied many times over. From a tent meeting place in 1958, a million dollar plant has emerged. The roll of 126 charter members has become a congregation of almost 2,000 members. The first budget of \$8750 has grown into a 1978 budget figure of \$411,000.

Former MBC Officer Receives Seminary Award

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Two men have been chosen to receive outstanding alumni awards for 1978 from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Clarence C. Randall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Jack Hanberry, warden of the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta, will receive the awards at the seminary's alumni luncheon, June 14 at the Omni International Hotel during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Randall, who will receive the Distinguished Service in a Local Church Ministry award, has been pastor of First Church, Tuscaloosa, since 1962. Prior to that, he served several churches in Mississippi during and after attending seminary.

He has been active in state convention work in Alabama and in Mississippi, serving as second vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and in a number of other positions in both state conventions.

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.
First, Newton
Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-20

The Acts is a narrative about the spread of the gospel. The Lord Christ began His public ministry preaching the gospel in Galilee (Mark 1:14-15). He commissioned His followers to do the same throughout the world. The Acts tells the story of the beginning of the worldwide mission. One must say the beginning, for the commission of Jesus is still being implemented today.

Acts 13 begins a new division of the story. Basically chapters 12 through 21:17 report the three missionary enterprises of Paul and his companions, while 21:18 through 28 deal with the apostle's prison experiences. The lesson for this Sunday focuses on the first missionary journey which carried the team from Antioch in Syria to Cyprus to Pamphylia (Southern Turkey) to Galatia (Central Turkey) and back to Antioch.

I. A Concerned Church — 13:1-3.

The church in Antioch, Syria was the first cosmopolitan church so far as The Acts record is concerned. It was a church composed of both Gentiles and Jews (11:19-26). The Christians of Antioch were concerned about people in other parts of their world. They cared



Iuka Billboards Invite Worshipers

Iuka Church is using three billboards to encourage newcomers and vacationers to attend church. The area is rapidly growing with a nuclear power plant being constructed, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway being dug, four bridges being constructed over the canal and recreation becoming more of a part of the area. Charles Dampier is pastor.

Uniform Lesson

Spreading The Good News

about the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem and sent help to them (11:27-30). They also cared about the unevangelized.

It is of interest to note that the Holy Spirit instructed the Antioch church to commission Barnabas and Saul (Paul) at a time when the church was "worshiping and fasting" (verse 2). Even though it is not declared, I believe the focus of their concern in that spiritual exercise was their world and what they could do about the needs of lost men. In such a climate of concern the Holy Spirit had the freedom to operate and give directions to the people.

Thus it was that Barnabas and Saul were released for a wider ministry (verse 3). The laying on of hands may have been some form of ordination or just the simple pronouncement of a blessing. Actually the church did not send them off. The Greek means that the two were released from their duties in Antioch in order to go elsewhere.

II. A Confused Crowd — 14:8-18.

As stated in the introduction, the mission team eventually went to Galatia in the highlands of Central Turkey. The cities visited were Iconium (14:1-5), Lystra (14:8-20a) and Derbe (14:20b-21a).

A miracle was performed in Lystra

in behalf of a man crippled from birth (verses 8-10). At Paul's command he was healed. The miracle caused the people to think that the apostles were gods who had come in the likeness of men (verse 11). Barnabas was called Zeus, the king of the gods, and Paul was identified as Hermes, the messenger of the gods. There was a language barrier (verse 14a), but when the apostles understood they were being worshiped as gods, they protested (verses 14b-15). Paul's message focused on the Lord as the God of creation and history (verses 16-18). Remember that these were pagans with no understanding of the Old Testament.

People can easily become confused about the role of preachers. Some consider them as the hirelings of the congregation to be everything from errand boys to janitors. Others regard them too highly — as other than men. The parson in Masfield's *Saul Kane* said:

"We're neither saints
Nor Philip Sidneys,
But moral men
With mortal kidneys."

Paul correctly identified the role of the preacher when he said, "We are only men, human like you... bring you good news" (verse 15).

III. A Costly Consequence — 14:19-20.

The apostles had made enemies in the cities of Pisidian Antioch (13:13-52) and Iconium. The antagonism of those Jewish troublemakers was not the result of the apostles preaching the gospel of Christ, but that they preached to Gentiles as well as Jews (13:42-46). It was not the preaching of Christ which initially caused unbelieving Jews to turn against the apostles and others, but that Christ was offered not only to Jews but also Gentiles.

Thus Jews from nearby cities came to Lystra, won the crowd to their side, and stoned Paul. Barnabas was apparently spared since he was not the primary spokesman. Whether Paul was only stunned by the stoning and left for dead, or actually killed and revived, is not clear.

Three facts are worth delineating. First, men can suffer painful consequences as a result of faithfulness. Second, people can be fickle. The very crowd which honored Paul as a god later joined in stoning him. Third, Paul was a courageous preacher. Surely being stoned was justification for quitting, but instead "he got up and went back into the city" (verse 20). In the second missionary journey he returned again to Lystra and enlisted Timothy as a companion (Acts 16:1-3).

Revival Dates

Strong Hope (Copiah): May 28 - June 2; Gene Henderson, pastor, Fairview, Columbus, evangelist; Robert L. Smith, pastor, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

County Line (Neshoba): May 28 - June 2; Stanley Barnett, First, Pearl, evangelist; Bobby Barfoot, pastor, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Wiggins Church (Leake): June 4-9; Alfred N. Evans, pastor of Harbor City Church, Melbourne, Fla., evangelist; Carlton Jones, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Burnside (Neshoba): June 18-23; Grady Collins, Trinity (Neshoba), evangelist; Jack Dunn, music director; Mrs. Freda Neal, pianist; Arlis E. Smith, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

"We are all responsible for our own sins" said the preacher. "It's no use trying to put the blame for them on someone else: Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent and the serpent hadn't a leg to stand on." — The English Digest

Devotional

Doing What You Can

By Carl R. Nelson, Pastor, Pelahatchie Church

"She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8). Our Lord praised the woman who anointed Him with expensive spikenard. He commended her not merely for WHAT she did but for doing WHAT SHE COULD.

All of us need to learn to do WHAT WE CAN. Very little is accomplished by talkers and dreamers who say... "If only... I had more money, more time, more ability or better health." Such individuals sit on the sidelines and end up doing almost nothing for God, others or themselves. God knows what we can do and what we can do becomes our responsibility.

We need to do what we can WHILE WE CAN. This woman seized the time and opportunity at hand. She couldn't have done what she did a week later. Opportunities must be taken before they slip away, never to return again.

We need to do what we can FOR JESUS. Jesus was the object of her devotion; love for Him was her motive. She was not thinking of herself. She was not seeking attention or approval of others.

We need to do what we can even when it CALLS FOR SACRIFICE. Spikenard was a highly prized perfume, worth a year's wages.

We need to do what we can REGARDLESS OF CRITICISM. There is so much that people could do and would do if they forgot about what others might think or say.

If we do what we can, the Lord will PRAISE US. Jesus defended the woman's action, commended her service and praised her devotion to Him. Imagine her joy as He said that her generous act would be proclaimed throughout the world. He saw in her spirit and her service an example of the love of God at work.

Be sure that He will be pleased when you have done WHAT YOU COULD.

First, Vicksburg

Senior Adults Write Book For Young People

Senior adults of First Church, Vicksburg, have written and published "Green and Gold," a 49-page booklet of devotions for the young people of the church.

The project was begun when a young person told Mrs. Eunice Campbell, one of the senior adults, "I wish you and your friends would prepare a book of devotions for the youth of our church. It would help us all to know and better understand each other."

The first volume has already been released and a second is to follow soon.

At least 25 persons volunteered to help with the two issues. In later issues, young people will be given a chance to write for the senior adults.

Ron Cassaday, minister of education, who gave full support to the venture, wrote a letter to the young people, explaining that the booklet "is a labor of love by the adults of your church because they care about your spiritual life. The cover, a bud, an open flower, and a shedding flower, is symbolic of spiritual growth. From a green shoot there is suggested maturity until that bud becomes a flower, and eventually shares its life with others. We hope you find help, inspiration, and motivation to grow on with God."

Mrs. Campbell was coordinator of the project, and also one of the seven writers. Other writers for the first issue were Dorothy Booth, Cecil Burns, Robbie Baria, Gordon Cotton, Douglas Hiatt, and Alice Koonce. Robbie Baria, artist, did the illustrations. Each writer did six or seven short devotionals.

First Church, Vicksburg was the publisher. Other volunteer workers were Hazel Lominick, typist and duplicator; Dorothy Booth, editorial assistant; Ron Cassaday, adviser; Kathleen Jennings, Ella Mae Tanner, and Sara Whitley, gatherers; and Nancy Ballard, distributor. John McCall is the pastor.

Columbus Churches Swap Youth Choirs

Fairview Church, Columbus and First Church, Columbus conducted a youth choir swap during the evening service May 28.

The two choirs, both planning tours in June, presented their tour music program.

Bob Waldrop is director of the Fairview choir and Bryan Harris is director of First Church choir.

After the evening service, both choirs attended a fellowship of homemade ice cream and cookies.

Jefferson City, Mo. (BP) — Missouri legislators defeated parochial aid and Bingo gambling proposals that earlier looked as if they had some life when the 1978 legislative session closed.